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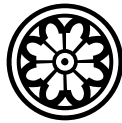
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*An 1852 painting of Mary Lois Morris at age seventeen
by her first husband John T. Morris.*

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Preface

If not for the voluminous writings that Mary Lois Walker Morris left behind, she might only be remembered as a woman much like many others, but Mary Lois wrote detailed accounts of her life—a four-inch thick memoir, day books containing daily accounts of forty years, and an eighty-page book of poetry. Because of the sheer volume of her writings, it is for now impractical to publish them all. This volume contains her extant record of the first half century of her life, including the portion of her memoir recounting her life until 1887 and the diary she kept between 1879 and 1887.

The Historical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Utah State Historical Society both hold microfilm copies of Mary Lois Morris's diaries. The original diary and memoir were in the possession of Marion Ramsey Morris, a granddaughter, when the LDS Historical Department filmed them in 1963. Linda Kidd, Mary Lois's great-granddaughter, now has them. The diary comprised eighty-nine day books; the copies of those still extant take up five rolls of microfilm.¹ Seventeen of the day books (numbers 19, 34 to 35, 39 to 52) are missing, leaving gaps between December 4, 1894 to July 16, 1895, March 12, 1902 to September 26, 1902, and August 31, 1903 to February 18, 1906. For 1879 through 1887 the day books range from 4 to 4.5 inches wide and 6.5 to 7 inches long and are bound in different shades of tan, red, and black leather. In later years Mary Lois generally wrote in red or black leather day books of the same proportions, although she also occasionally used small, tan unbound notebooks 3.5 by 6.5 inches or small leather day books 3.75 by 6 inches. She wrote the diary entries with a pen in cursive script. Occasionally, she made a notation in the margin or inserted a separate, loose sheet between a day book's pages.

Mary Lois's surviving diary begins on January 1, 1879. She may have kept a diary earlier, but no record of such survives in historical archives or catalogs. As she began her 1879 diary by calling it her first day book

1. See also the description of the diary and memoir in Davis Bitton, *Guide to Mormon Diaries and Autobiographies*, 248.



Photo by author

Mary Lois's first ten diaries, covering 1879 to 1889.

and wrote on January 1, 1881, "Two years ago to day I began to Keep a Jornal," she probably did not keep a diary earlier. Once she began, she became a faithful diarist for the remainder of her life. Her daily record continued for the next forty years, with relatively few breaks until it ended six months before her death, in 1919 at the age of eighty-four. During Mary Lois's later years, her handwriting worsened and in her last year of diary entries, she skipped quite a few days, instead writing a general summary for the days missed.

Although she left an entry for almost every day, Mary Lois does not seem to have written daily. She wrote on January 1, 1881, "I began to Keep a Jornal and have written something for every day scince I belive though sometimes being to busy to write for several days have gone back and given an acount of events as they have occurred; having wonce been two weeks without having time to write which was a great tax upon my memory but ccomplished it." Mary Lois never explained why she kept a diary, although in the same 1881 entry she added, "I find that my day book has been useful to refer to and intresting to read."²

The diary entries are often repetitive, but this very repetition shows the daily fabric of Mary Lois's life. Careful reading allows one to piece together her daily routine and experiences, which largely go unrecorded in her memoir. She seems to have followed the form of contemporary almanacs, which began daily entries with a description of the weather. The

2. January 1, 1881 (Dates given without a source correspond to date of diary entries).

items she most commonly noted were housework, her and her family's activities, people she visited or was visited by, local events, and church meetings and duties.³

Mary Lois's diaries between 1879 and 1887 are among the most dramatic and significant in her life. During this time, the federal government's attempts to end polygamy redefined her marriage. A plural wife, she and Elias Morris, her husband, lived together in 1879 during every other week, but as the 1880s progressed, they saw each other less and less often because of the prosecution of polygamy. In 1885 and 1886, she went into hiding to protect her husband from conviction for illegal cohabitation, the specific crime of which polygamists were usually accused. Then after 1887, when Elias Morris was arrested and tried, she publicly denied their marriage. During this period, she raised her young children, watched her older daughter court and marry, and worked as a milliner to support her household. Devoted to her church, she recorded performing spiritual healings, visiting the sick and elderly of her congregation, and serving as president of her congregation's fledgling primary organization, which was dedicated to the religious education of children.

Mary Lois also left behind the much more polished account of her life contained in her four-hundred-page memoir, "Sketch of the Life of Mary L. Morris." According to Mary Lois's own account, she worked on writing her memoir for about fifteen years, using her diaries as a guide in remembering events. The handwritten memoirs that are extant today were written in tan, orange, and blue paper-covered notebooks, ranging in size from 8 by 10 inches to 4.75 by 8.75 inches. She began the memoir in October 1901 and a transcription seems to have been completed in 1916, three years before her death. Mary Pye, a friend in Salt Lake City and a fellow member of the LDS church, apparently transcribed from the handwritten draft. Mary Lois took an active part in the transcription process, going over the final manuscript with Pye on at least three occasions at the end of 1915 as well as keeping up a letter correspondence with her transcriber. She wrote, for instance, on November 10, 1915 that Mary Pye "arrived to read the sketch as far as she had transcribed it. We spent the afternoon quietly she reading and I listening. After her departure the weariness of the day came upon me and I had to retire." Later, after the memoir's completion, several typed copies of it were bound and distributed to family members by Mary

3. Such entries are common among other Mormon and non-Mormon women's diaries of the time. See Juanita Brooks, ed., *Not by Bread Alone: The Journal of Martha Spence Heywood, 1850–1855*; Donna Toland Smart, ed., *Mormon Midwife: The 1846–1888 Diaries of Patty Bartlett Sessions*; Charles M. Hatch and Todd M. Compton, eds., *A Widow's Tale: The 1884–1896 Diary of Helen Mar Kimball Whitney*; Maurine Carr Ward, ed., *Winter Quarters: The 1846–1848 Life Writings of Mary Haskin Parker Richards*.

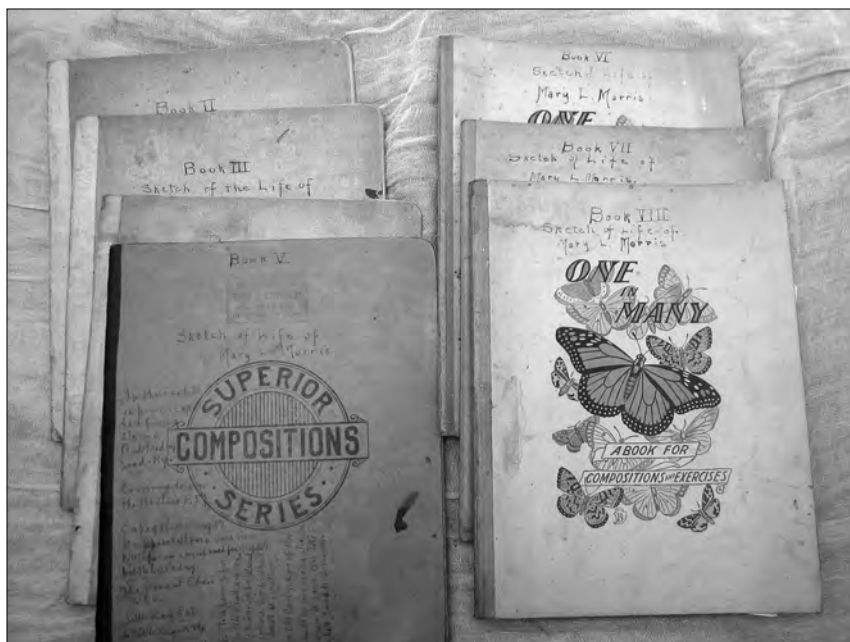


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The first seven books of Mary Lois's surviving handwritten memoirs, which cover the first part of Mary Lois's life.

Lois's son George Q. Morris. These were likely copies of the transcription made by Mary Pye, but there is not a clear record of the relationship between the two.

In 1963, the extant portion of the twenty-three original handwritten volumes of Mary Lois's memoir was copied onto one roll of microfilm by the Historical Department of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in conjunction with her diary. The original holographs in the possession of Linda Kidd and the microfilm copy are missing volumes 1, 9–13, 16–17, and 20–22. A copy of the more polished, typed version of the complete memoir is in the Special Collections of the Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University, Provo, and descendants own several other, leather-bound copies of this typed memoir.

The handwritten and typed drafts differ in a few ways. The handwritten text is not chronological, while the typed memoir has been rearranged in that order. Second, the handwritten memoir has words crossed out and others written above the line; the typed version incorporates these alterations. Third, punctuation and word order within sentences sometimes varies between the two versions. Finally, some words or phrases in the first draft have been replaced with synonyms in the later version

and other words that were misspelled in the first draft are spelled correctly in the typed version. Otherwise, the text, with light editing, is the same in the two documents. Although the handwritten draft of the memoir might be seen as more authentic because it is in Mary Lois's own hand and the later version of the memoir was typed by someone else, I have chosen to include the typed memoir in this book because of the many missing sections of the holographic version and Mary Lois's active participation in the transcription of the manuscript.⁴

Mary Lois explained that she wrote the memoir for her descendants at the urging of her children George and Kate. Aware of her audience, she emphasized the importance of obedience to God, writing in the preface, "After having tried to mould my life according to the principles of the Gospel and the commandments of God, I can assure you, my precious children, in all soberness, that if you will seek to serve your God in all things He will surely bring you off conquerors."⁵ She also placed special emphasis on spiritual events and the experiences of her family. In addition, she may have written her memoir to familiarize her children with her first husband John Thomas Morris, whom they had never known.

The memoir included in this book chronicles Mary Lois's life from her childhood but complements the included portion of the diary by ending in 1887. One twenty-one-page section that appears within the pre-1887 memoir has not been included here and is indicated by an ellipsis. It details work for the LDS Primary Association after 1887, including some of the primary curriculum that she composed as a member of her stake primary presidency, a position in which she helped direct the children's programs of several congregations. Later in the memoir Mary Lois recounted accompanying her daughter Kate, also a plural wife, on the Mormon polygamist underground to Mexico from 1902 to 1905. That account appears in this book as an epilogue.

Diaries and memoirs are created and record lives in different ways, differing particularly in an author's distance from the events that she writes about. While diaries are generally written within a few days of the events described, memoirs may be written decades later. Thus diaries offer

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4. For more about Mary Lois's reasons for writing the memoir and the period of time in which it was written, see Mary Lois Walker Morris, "Sketch of the Life of Mary L. Morris, 1904," 463 (hereinafter cited as *Memoir*). For more information about Mary Lois's participation in the typed transcription of her handwritten memoir see her diary entries on November 10, 1915; December 2, 1915; December 3, 1915; February 2, 1916; July 28, 1916. Mary Lois Walker Morris, "Diaries and Reminiscences, 1879–1919," original in the possession of Mary Lois's great-granddaughter, Linda Kidd, of Camarillo, California; microfilm copy, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Archives Division.; typescript *Memoir Special Collections*, Harold B. Lee Library, Brigham Young University.
 5. *Memoir* preface; p. 53.

*Photo by author*

Mary Lois's complete surviving diaries and memoirs.

the rough-around-the-edges immediacy of everyday life, while memoirs contain only events in the author's life, filtered through the fog of memory, that on reflection she wants remembered by posterity. Yet, because it is told from a longer perspective, a memoir may better highlight the significance of certain events and dimensions of a person's life, including those that might not have been recognized as particularly important while the author experienced them. Though still filtered by what she chose to write about, Mary Lois's diary is a more inclusive historical source that chronicles the wide variety of ordinary—as well as extraordinary—experiences of her daily life. She wrote the memoir, in contrast, in a narrative format and described in detail the events she later deemed significant, as well as to a much greater degree her emotions and thoughts during those events. While her memoir is engaging, such large parts of her life are left out that only by reading it alongside her diary can one gain an adequate perspective on her changing marriage and life during the 1880s. At the same time, the background in the memoir about the first forty years of her life and the emotional and intellectual frame it adds to later experiences provide better understanding of her diary entries.

Both documents have many gaps, but because their gaps are different, they supplement each other. For instance, the memoir describes in great detail Mary Lois's courtship and marriage to her first husband, John

Thomas Morris. The references in her memoir to her second husband Elias Morris are much more limited, perhaps because she wrote it after many years of separation from him due to antipolygamy laws and then death. While she dedicated several pages to discussing Elias Morris's career and, later, his death, he rarely appears in her accounts of family activities, although he lived with her every other week (except when absent on a mission or business) for almost thirty years. In contrast, Mary Lois's diary contains only a handful of references to John Morris, on days such as their wedding anniversary. However, she wrote the diary entries included here while she was still living with Elias and as she redefined her relationship with him, and he has a definite presence in them. She provided a detailed account of their changing marriage as the prosecution of polygamy increased.

Mary Lois does not mention in her memoir the rich cultural life of books and plays that she enjoyed, her daily housework, her frequent church attendance, or her community service and visiting. Yet it is these very details, recorded regularly in her diary, that paint a fuller picture of her life. Her diary has gaps as well. The contemporary atmosphere of secrecy about polygamy may have affected what Mary Lois wrote about her marriage.⁶ In addition, in contrast to her memoir, her diary expresses little emotion. Perhaps it was more difficult to address her feelings when she was in the thick of an event than when looking back at it years later.

Editorial Methods

This book adheres to the original texts of the diary and memoir as closely as possible. Spelling, capitalization, and punctuation appear as written. Strikethroughs and underscores show words or phrases crossed out and underlined in the original text. The transcript here retains writing errors, abbreviations, and contractions. Blank spaces in the text and illegible words or letters are indicated by a bracketed explanation in italics. Any text written in the margins now appears in brackets within the text. Text written on separate pieces of paper inserted into the diary is quoted in footnotes. Brief interlineations by the author have been included within the text at the point marked by the author, without special notation by the editor. Bracketed insertions or comments from the editor have been italicized while insertions that are extensions of Mary Lois's wording, such as full names, appear in roman. The dates beginning diary entries recreate the format of the original. Superscript letters are brought down to the line.

Where possible, the first time Mary Lois mentions a person, a bracketed insertion gives his or her full name. A biographical register appended

6. B. Carmon Hardy, appendix 1, "Lying for the Lord: An Essay," in *Solemn Covenant: The Mormon Polygamous Passage*, 372.

to the book contains information about these people. While the editor used several sources to identify people, the sheer number of people and Mary Lois's tendency to write only last names or initials may have caused some misidentifications. The 1880 census, the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, and various Utah biographical encyclopedias especially helped in the identification process. In cases where positive identification was not possible, the most likely person was identified. Generally, this was the person by that name who lived nearest to Mary Lois and whose life corresponded with details she provided, such as birth or death dates. When such a choice was not available and there was no alternative method of choosing between multiple possibilities, the name in question does not appear in the biographical register. Several women appear in the register under both their maiden and married names. The full entry is under the name by which the woman first appears in Mary Lois's writings and is cross-referenced from the other name.

The original typewritten memoir has numbered subheadings instead of page numbers. To aid readers who wish to trace citations to that typescript, I have used the subhead number rather than a page number when citing the original memoir but have also included cross-references to the memoir pages in this book, in the form, for example, Memoir 36; p.73.

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Introduction

After enduring a ship voyage from her native England to an unknown life in America, a long walk across the plains to Utah, the death of her first husband when she was only nineteen, and the loneliness of a plural marriage, Mary Lois Walker Morris may have thought that she had overcome the major challenges in her life. Yet, as the 1880s began, her life was about to turn upside down again. During the next decade, as the federal government challenged the practice of polygamy and pressure mounted for Utah to become more integrated in the United States, Mary Lois's church leaders and fellow Mormons faced prosecution and imprisonment. The pursuit of polygamists threatened her own marriage, and in 1885, after twenty-nine years of marriage, she and her husband, under duress, publicly separated. Mary Lois's memoir and diary provide a deeply felt account of how she experienced and negotiated this time of great change in Utah.

The daily regularity of Mary Lois's diary allows readers to better understand the everyday fabric of a woman's life in Salt Lake City in the 1880s. Meanwhile, the dramatic stories in her memoir provide a glimpse into the thoughts and experiences that a nineteenth-century immigrant woman most wanted remembered. Her voluminous writings also give insight into the rich cultural life, divisive legal battles, and tightly knit Latter-day Saints (LDS) community in Salt Lake City, including the life of the Mormon elite, of which her husband's prominent business position made her a part.

Having experienced both a monogamous and a polygamous marriage, Mary Lois had a special perspective from which to view the social transitions taking place in Utah as polygamy came under attack. At the age of nineteen, she made a bedside promise to her dying husband to enter into a biblical levirate marriage with his married brother, Elias Morris. Despite grave misgivings about becoming Elias's second wife, she kept this vow. By 1879, when her diary began, she had seven children with Elias—five were still living—and lived with him every other week in a two-story home in Salt Lake City.¹

1. Elias's first wife, Mary Parry Morris (1834–1919), was born in Newmarket, Flint, Wales, the daughter of John Parry and Elizabeth Parry. She married Elias Morris on May 23,

Mary Lois's wide web of friendships and acquaintances makes her life writings particularly valuable in chronicling the daily interactions of the Utah Mormon community and the effect of their strong personal and religious ties on the struggle over polygamy. Hundreds of other people crowded her life. She spent her days visiting friends, helping lay out the dead, sitting up with the sick, taking food to the elderly, and teaching religious classes for children. Her home served as an extension of this LDS community. There she welcomed an unending stream of callers and gave recent immigrants and elderly women rooms until they got on their feet again. Her off-and-on work as a milliner, supplementing the money she received from her husband, further tied her to the community. With increased enforcement during the 1880s of federal laws outlawing polygamy, Mary Lois's relationships with her fellow church members enhanced her feelings of being under siege.

These circumstances led Mary Lois to move outside the boundaries of the law. Forced to choose whether to follow federal law or her church, Mary Lois chose her religion. When a warrant was issued for her husband's arrest and federal officers wanted her to testify, she went into hiding off and on for over a year. Then, to protect her husband from going to jail for unlawful cohabitation, she and other family members, perjured themselves during his trial, and he was found not guilty.

Although other Mormon women also defied the federal government during this time, Mary Lois's perspective is especially interesting because of her husband's involvement in mining, a business dominated by non-Mormons, where he worked closely with many men who probably supported federal prosecution of polygamy. The pressure on Mormons to assimilate by abandoning their exceptional marriage practices went hand in hand with economic pressure to give up their quest for self-sufficiency and respond to nationwide market forces, such as the demand for mineral ore.² Mary Lois describes her husband bridging the economic divide between the largely agricultural Mormons and the mining-oriented non-Mormons. A local leader in the LDS church, he also built many of the smelters, furnaces, and mills necessary to extract and process ore from local mines. His frequent dealings with non-Mormons in the mining industry contrasted sharply with Mary Lois's increasing separation

1852, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. The couple had twelve children. Mary Parry lived with her family at 230 South Third West in Salt Lake City. Virginia Goff Howe, comp., "A Sketch of the Life of Mary Parry Morris," May 20, 1932, private possession of Briant G. Badger; *Salt Lake City directory, for the year commencing Aug. 1 1885*, 134.

2. Richard W. Sadler, "The Impact of Mining on Salt Lake City," 236–53; Leonard J. Arrington, "Abundance from the Earth: The Beginnings of Commercial Mining in Utah," 201–19; Leonard Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom: An Economic History of the Latter-day Saints, 1830–1900*, 202–5, 240–43.

from those outside the Mormon community and shows the complicated and often painful transition that Mormons went through as they emerged from their earlier near isolation into a more nationally integrated society.

Childhood

Polygamy seemed alien to Mary Lois when she was asked to enter into it because it flew in the face of the ingrained tradition with which she was raised. Born in the northern English town of Leek³ on May 14, 1835, Mary Lois was the youngest child of Mary Godwin and William Gibson Walker. Her mother was well-educated and spoke French fluently. She worked as a professional milliner and, at the time of Mary Lois's birth, had apprentices and journeywomen.⁴ From the handful of letters from Mary Godwin that survive, it is evident that she emphasized proper behavior and refinement to her daughters. She also seems to have valued education and continual self-improvement. For instance, in an 1847 letter to her older daughter, Ann Agatha, who had recently emigrated to America, Mary Godwin wrote, "I am sorry to see you spell so incorrectly, but as you have a dictionary never write a letter without having it at hand, and habituate yourself to looking for any word that you cannot spell, by so doing you will spell correctly." In the same letter, she added, "And now my dear child let me beg of you, as perhaps a last request, to refrain from singing vain silly songs, you little think how they degrade you in the eyes of those whose esteem you should covet."⁵ This early training would have a great effect on Mary Lois, leading her throughout her life to seek out new avenues of learning and improvement.

Mary Lois's father William Walker earned his living as a school teacher and bookkeeper and was described by Mary Lois as "naturally religious and intellectual and . . . fond of books." This love of books passed to his daughter, who was herself an avid reader and often noted interesting points from her reading in her diary. According to Mary Lois, her father was a preacher in the Methodist church as a young man and then later joined the Congregational church, of which he was a member until about 1840.⁶

3. The English town of Leek was located on the main road between London and Manchester and had a population of about forty-three hundred inhabitants in 1831. At that time, the main industries in Leek were the manufacture of ribbons, articles of silk, and cheese. Places of worship for the Methodists, Society of Friends, and Independents were located in Leek. Samuel Lewis, *A Topographical Dictionary of England*, 3:49–50.

4. Memoir 9–21; pp. 58–62.

5. Mary Godwin Walker to Ann Agatha Walker, February 15, 1847, LDS Archives.

6. Memoir 6–7; pp. 56–57.

In the center was painted a beautiful ^{red} apple
stained with yellow. The note was begun
in the usual way at the top of the paper but had
continued around the apple in a free hand.
some hand writing as follows:-

St Louis, Mo.

March 1850.

Dear Brother Mary Walker:-

These are
of my heart
which is
in life
Eternity
words
and
a note
it with

The feelings
toward you
to be vile
and in
If this
with you
please write
and send
the bearer.

Yours thoroughly,
John T. Morris.

I considered this note frank, sincere and la-
conic. My mother had always warned me against
flattery from men. In this there was none. I

considered it the expression of an honest man
as father had said that he would answer it
I took no further concern about it. Days
and perhaps more than a week passed and
still father had not answered it. But brother
thought that Mr Morris was not so unconcerned
as I and for every day or two, I believe at the
suggestion of Mr Morris, Brother Harrison to
would speak to me about answering the note.

Once in rather an impatient way Bro.
Harrison made this remark to me, "He means
Mr Morris, does not wait to ~~the~~ marry thy
father, he wants to marry thee."

I became weary of Brother Harrison's con-
stant reminders, so I said to father in
rather an impatient way, "Mr Morris
is a respectable person and deserves civil
treatment."

I suppose father thought he had better
do something as he could see that I was
in earnest for I had never before re-
sented my to say recollection spoken to my father
in an unbecoming manner.

The pages from Mary Lois's handwritten draft of her memoir in which she copied the text of her first husband's 1852 letter asking her to marry him.

Around 1837, the family moved from Leek to the larger city of Manchester,⁷ where about 1840 they first heard missionaries teaching the religion of Mormonism. Manchester was one of the centers of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in England, and in the early 1840s a number of the church's apostles preached as missionaries there.⁸ Despite some initial reluctance on the part of Mary Lois's father, who feared losing his job as a teacher at an ecclesiastical children's school, the family joined the LDS church. Then, around 1843, William Walker was sent on a six-year mission to preach in other parts of England. He seems to have briefly returned to Manchester in 1845, where he baptized Mary Lois on April 24.⁹ A year later, in 1846, Mary Lois's sixteen-year-old sister Ann Agatha sailed to America with a company of Mormons, and soon after she became the tenth wife of LDS apostle Parley P. Pratt.¹⁰ Their older brother Charles also emigrated to America to join the Mormons in St. Louis, Missouri.¹¹

Meanwhile, Mary Lois and her mother struggled to pay the rent. As her mother's millinery business did not always make ends meet, when

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7. Manchester, a large marketing and manufacturing town, was one of the centers of the English industrial revolution. In the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, Manchester was especially well known for its cloth factories, which produced large quantities of cotton, silk, and linen. The town's population increased sharply during the nineteenth century as a result of the industrial revolution. Anthony Wood, *Nineteenth Century Britain, 1815–1914*, 18, 102; Lewis, *A Topographical Dictionary of England*, 3:233–46.
 8. For a discussion of the LDS church in the 1840s in England, see Richard L. Jensen and Malcolm R. Thorp, eds., *Mormons in Early Victorian Britain*; Ronald W. Walker, "Cradling Mormonism: The Rise of the Gospel in Early Victorian England." The LDS church in early Victorian Manchester is examined in Jan G. Harris, "Mormons in Victorian Manchester," and William Clayton, *Manchester Mormons: The Journal of William Clayton, 1840 to 1842*. In addition, Leonard Arrington examines Mormon women in nineteenth-century Great Britain in "Mormon Women in Nineteenth-Century Britain."
 9. Susan Easton Black, comp., *Membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830–1848*, 44:581.
 10. Ann Agatha Walker Pratt (1829–1908), Mary Lois's older sister, was born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, on June 11, 1829. She married Parley P. Pratt (1807–1857) on April 28, 1847, becoming his tenth wife. In 1860, three years after the death of her first husband, she married Joseph Ridges (1827–1914), the builder of the Salt Lake Tabernacle organ. They separated in 1866, around the time that Joseph Ridges married Ann Agatha's daughter by her first marriage, Agatha (Aggie) Pratt (1848–1914), as a plural wife. Portions of Ann Agatha Walker Pratt's diary and memoir are recorded in Ann Agatha Walker Pratt, "Reminiscences of Mrs. A. Agatha Pratt. January 07," LDS Archives; "The Pratt Story: As Told by the 10th Wife," 17:223–45. In addition, a number of Ann Agatha Pratt's letters and papers, some of which mention her sister Mary Lois, survive in the LDS Archives.
 11. Mary Lois's older brother, Charles Lowell Walker (1832–1904), migrated to St. Louis in 1849, working there and in Illinois until 1855, when he moved to Salt Lake City. In September 1861, he married Abigail Middlemass; and in 1862 the couple was called to the LDS Cotton Mission in St. George, Utah, where Charles remained until his death.

Mary Lois reached the age of twelve, she began working full time, doing housework and washing for a family next door. Even as a child, she believed that the Mormon religion was true. She listened to the messages of LDS apostles such as Orson Hyde, Parley P. Pratt, and John Taylor, writing of one such missionary, "I well remember how powerfully he spoke and how joyfully my heart responded to his inspired words as I sat and listened to him in those humble cottage meetings."¹² She later recalled in her diary that "at the earley age of ten" she felt "the spirit of God" burning in her heart so that she "could not sit still."¹³

Finally, her father returned from his mission, and in February 1850 at the age of fourteen, Mary Lois set sail for America with her parents. They landed in New Orleans and then sailed up the Mississippi to St. Louis, arriving there in May 1850. Other members of the LDS church were also assembling in St. Louis as they prepared to travel west to Salt Lake City. Mary Lois soon found work as a servant in the home of a wealthy St. Louis family and began to save money for her family's journey to Utah. Then, about a year after their arrival, in August 1851, her mother died, leaving at home only her and her father.

Courtship

In her memoir Mary Lois recalled that in March 1852, as her seventeenth birthday approached, she went to visit family friends with her father. They introduced her to John Thomas Morris, a Mormon convert who also was visiting their home. A twenty-four-year-old painter, Morris had recently emigrated from North Wales. Mary Lois recalled, "The moment I met Mr. Morris, I had the impression that he would become my husband." A few days later, she saw him again at the home of their mutual friends and briefly "passed the time of day" with him. That evening, he sent her a beautifully painted card. "The moment I received it I knew its contents," she recorded.¹⁴ It asked her to marry him. A dutiful daughter, she asked her father to answer it, and unable to part with his youngest daughter, he wrote John Morris a letter denying his request.

Months went by, and Mary Lois and John seldom saw each other. Then he started calling at intervals. One evening while out walking

Nicknamed "Dixie's Poet," he wrote a number of poems about life in St. George as well as the song sung at the St. George Temple dedication. A. Karl Larson and Katharine Miles Larson, eds., *Diary of Charles Lowell Walker*, vii–xviii (hereinafter cited as CWD).

12. Memoir 36; p. 73.

13. February 4, 1879.

14. Memoir 67–68; pp. 94–96. John Thomas Morris (1828–1855) was born in Llanfair, Denbighshire, Wales, the son of John Morris and Barbara Thomas.

together, he told her, “I wish you would answer that note I sent you.” Mary Lois made no reply. She recalled, “During the next few days I thought a great deal and prayed constantly for Divine guidance in making my decision.” At the end of this time, she wrote Morris a note accepting his proposal.¹⁵ They were married on September 5, 1852.

In recounting their courtship in her memoir, Mary Lois lovingly recalled conversations they had and reproduced letters they sent to each other, including the note in which he asked her to marry him. Their relationship was apparently romantic in nature, and she narrated it in the terms of a love story. In many ways, it could be the story of courtship and marriage of any young immigrant couple in the nineteenth-century United States.¹⁶ Mary Lois did not write the narrative of this courtship in her memoir until the end of her life, in the first two decades of the twentieth century. By that time, the LDS church no longer sanctioned polygamy, and both of her husbands had died. In still recalling her monogamous relationship to her first husband in sentimental, romantic terms, she was projecting back across a long interval of intervening personal and cultural history. The image she drew stands in stark contrast to the picture she presents in her diary and memoir of her second marriage, as a plural wife, which she never described romantically.

Death of First Husband

Mary Lois and John Morris embarked from St. Louis on their journey to the Salt Lake Valley on May 17, 1853. Traveling in the Joseph Young Company with the Morris family, she recorded walking twenty miles beside their wagon each day. Five months later, on October 10, 1853, the company arrived in Salt Lake City.¹⁷

The young couple rented a small room in Salt Lake City, and Morris obtained commissions to paint several portraits, including life-size paintings of Mormon apostles Parley P. Pratt and George A. Smith. At least two of John Morris’s paintings survive—a portrait of seventeen-

15. Memoir 69–70; p. 97.

16. For more about the historical context of marriage and love in the nineteenth century, see Nancy F. Cott, *Public Vows: A History of Marriage and the Nation*; Hendrik Hartog, *Man and Wife in America: A History*; Karen Lystra, *Searching the Heart: Women, Men, and Romantic Love in Nineteenth-Century America*.

17. Journal History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, September 22, 1853. The Journal History lists the members of the 1853 Ten Pound Company led by Joseph W. Young. The company included John Morris, Barbara Thomas Morris, Barbara Elizabeth Morris, Hugh Conway Morris, John Thomas Morris, Mary Lois Walker Morris, Isaac Conway Morris, and Elizabeth Rowland Williams Morris. For a broader study of women journeying west that puts Mormon women’s experience into the larger context, see Sandra L. Myres, *Westering Women and the Frontier Experience, 1800–1915*.

Mary Lois's first husband, John Thomas Morris, an artist, most likely photographed in St. Louis, Missouri about 1852.



Courtesy of the Ashton Family Organization

year-old Mary Lois Walker and what seems to be a self-portrait. As well as painting portraits, Morris added beauty to homes with marbling, grain-ing, and fresco work and was even employed to paint horse carriages.¹⁸

In October 1854, Mary bore a son, whom they named John Walker after his father. As winter advanced, the health of John Thomas and of the baby began to decline. A doctor found they had the same difficulty breathing. Believing that the climate of southern Utah was milder and might be beneficial for their health, in January 1855 the Morrises journeyed south to Cedar City to visit John's family. Soon after arriving, baby John passed away, and although Mary Lois devoted her time to caring for her husband, he grew steadily worse. One evening, he seemed to be approaching death. Mary Lois, John's older brother Elias Morris, and his parents sat up all night at John's bedside. As morning

18. Memoir 89–92; pp. 111–12. John Thomas Morris's painting of Mary Lois Morris is labeled "Mary Lois Walker at Seventeen, St. Louis, Mo.—1850–3." In addition, an unsigned painting of John Thomas Morris in the possession of Mary Lois's descendants was mostly likely a self-portrait. This painting is the private possession of Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley.

*Painting of John Thomas
Morris, probably
a self-portrait.*



Courtesy of Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley

approached, Mary Lois asked her young husband if he had any last words. After a silence, he said, “If anything should happen that I do die, I do not want you to leave the family.” She replied that she had no desire to do so. Then turning to his brother Elias, who had married his Welsh sweetheart almost three years earlier, John said, “Will you take Mary, and finish the work that I have begun[?]” Elias said, “I have no objection, if she is willing.” Mary Lois agreed to a plural marriage with Elias Morris, and a few hours later on February 20, 1855, John Morris passed away.¹⁹

In her memoir, Mary Lois explained that she and John had learned the principle of levirate marriage from *The Seer*, a religious periodical to which they subscribed. Edited by LDS apostle Orson Pratt, the periodical used the Bible to defend Mormonism and its practice of polygamy. Mary Lois wrote that she and her husband “read and believed” the teachings of *The Seer*, including its doctrine “from the law of Ancient Israel,—that if a man died without issue, his brother should take the widow to wife

19. Memoir 95–97; pp. 114–16.

and raise up children to his deceased brother, that in the morning of the Resurrection he might take her and children she had borne in the second marriage and present them to his brother.”²⁰

In the form of levirate marriage outlined in Deuteronomy, when a man dies without children, his brother marries his widow and raises children with her to carry on his brother’s name. In the Genesis account of Onan and Tamar, Onan is slain by the Lord because he does not fulfill his duty to raise up children for his dead brother with his brother’s wife. Although Deuteronomy defines levirate marriage as applying to brothers, in the biblical account of Ruth, when no brothers survive, it also applies to close kinsmen. Therefore, when Ruth’s first husband died, she married her husband’s kinsman Boaz.²¹ The doctrine of levirate marriage made Ruth’s children with Boaz the heirs of her first husband.

According to the LDS view of levirate marriage, Mary Lois’s second spouse, Elias Morris, while her husband in name and practice, was only a temporary replacement for John Thomas Morris, with whom she would be reunited in the afterlife. Her children with her second husband would be the first husband’s posterity in the afterlife. It was necessary for this levirate relationship to be a plural marriage so that the second husband would have his own posterity in the hereafter.²² While a few nineteenth-century Mormons, such as Brigham

20. Orson Pratt wrote in the September 1853 edition of *The Seer* that if a woman’s first husband dies and was a good man, it is the duty of the wife’s second husband to deliver the wife “up with all her children to her deceased husband in the morning of the first resurrection.” Pratt received a call in 1852 to publish a periodical “explaining the principles of the gospel, but especially the doctrine of celestial marriage.” The first issue of *The Seer* appeared in January 1853, about two years before the death of John Thomas Morris. The paper was printed in Washington, D.C., until June 1854, when Liverpool, England, became the place of publication. Publisher’s note in “*The Seer*”; Orson Pratt, “Celestial Marriage,” 142; Andrew Jenson, *Encyclopedic History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 783–84.

21. Deuteronomy 25:5–10; Genesis 38:6–11; Ruth 1–4.

22. According to Josephus, the “purpose of levirate marriage was threefold—to preserve the family name and the family estate and to provide for the welfare of the widow.” The Bible seems to emphasize the importance of the first reason—carrying on the name of the dead husband in Israel. For nineteenth-century Mormons, according to historian Kathryn Daynes, levirate marriages “had a slightly different purpose” than in biblical times. Members of the LDS church occasionally took part in “proxy” marriages, in which “a spiritual brother married a deceased man’s wife; he then fathered children who would increase the family belonging to the deceased in the eternities and assisted financially in caring for the family during their mortal lives.” Nineteenth-century Mormons also used the biblical precedent of levirate marriage in arguments defending polygamy. For instance, Orson Pratt argued in a sermon in 1859 that levirate marriage showed the necessity of polygamy. He said that if a young unmarried man wanted to marry a widow who was married to her first husband for eternity, he would not have a

Young, practiced this form of polygamous marriage, it has been little documented.²³

Although she believed the principle, Mary Lois remembered thinking with dread of the coming years: “So was I, while yet in my teens, bereft in the short period of twenty days, of my husband and my only child, in a strange land, hundreds of miles from my blood kin and with a mountain of difficulty before me.” One evening as she was walking near a spot she had often gone with John, she “was reminded of his absence and my intense loneliness and as I wept bitterly I could see, as it were in mental vision, the steep hill of life I should have to climb and felt the reality of it with great force.” At this point, she recalled, “I considered the covenant I had made with my husband on his death bed. . . . Was I willing to endure whatever might befall me in this straight and narrow path I had chosen? Yes, I had already counted the cost, had already tasted the bitter cup which I had agreed to drink to the dregs.”²⁴ Although she wrote this late in her life, her fears still seem fresh, as does her faith and determination to go ahead with the marriage.

Shortly thereafter, Elias Morris met with Brigham Young, who approved the arrangement and set the date for the marriage in a year’s time. As the date grew closer, Mary Lois felt more and more apprehension, although there was no question in her mind of what her course would be. In May 1856, a little over a year after John Morris’s death, she and Elias, together with his first wife and two children, made the two-week wagon journey to be married in Salt Lake City. On the wedding day, May 21, 1856, Mary Lois went to the Salt Lake Endowment House, where LDS president Brigham Young performed the ceremonies to marry her “for time” to Elias and “for eternity” to John. On the same day, Elias and his first wife, Mary Parry, whom he had married four years earlier in 1852, were sealed “for eternity.”²⁵ According to LDS belief, such a ceremony allowed the couple’s marriage to continue after death. Mary Lois later recalled, “I kneeled on the altar in God’s Holy House

wife for eternity unless he also married another wife. “Levirate Marriage,” *Interpreter’s Dictionary of the Bible*, 3:282–83; Kathryn M. Daynes, *More Wives Than One: Transformation of the Mormon Marriage System, 1840–1910*, 79–80; Brigham Young et al., *Journal of Discourses*, 6:358 (July 24, 1859); B. Carmon Hardy, *Solemn Covenant: The Mormon Polygamous Passage*, 214.

23. B. Carmon Hardy uses Mary Lois’s experience as an example of levirate marriage in his study of Mormon polygamy (Hardy, *Solemn Covenant*, 236 n. 48). For examples of other Mormon levirate marriages and discussion of the practice, see Richard S. Van Wagoner, *Mormon Polygamy: A History*, 170; Hardy, *Solemn Covenant*, 213–14; Leonard Arrington, *Brigham Young: American Moses*, 120–21.

24. Memoir 100–104; pp. 116–21.

25. Elias also stood proxy for his brother John Morris’s ceremony of sealing to Mary Lois Walker Morris. “Endowment House Sealings for the Dead by Proxy, 1855–1856.”



*Elias Morris, Mary
Lois Morris's second
husband, photographed
by C.R. Savage.*

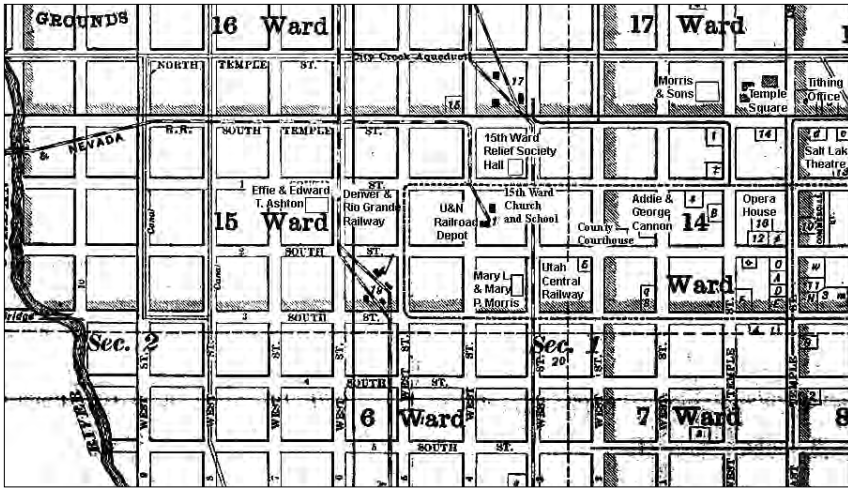
Courtesy of Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley

with the deepest dread in my heart that I had ever known. No physical strength could have drawn me there, had I consulted my own feelings. But God required it. I sensed keenly that it was no my happiness alone that was sacrificed, but it was marring the happiness of others, which rendered the cup doubly bitter.”²⁶

Kathryn Daynes concluded from her study of polygamy in Manti, Utah, that religious motivations were the main reason for Mormons' support of polygamy. In addition to their faith that Joseph Smith and other leaders received revelation from God, individual Mormons reported receiving personal revelation on the subject.²⁷ Thus, Mary Lois wrote in her memoir that she believed Apostle Orson Pratt's writings about polygamy and noted that Brigham Young approved and set a date for her plural marriage, and she also recounted personal affirmations of the principle. After recalling her husband's funeral and her agreement to marry his brother, she wrote, “I felt that I had served God to the utmost of my ability, that I had His approval, and that He would stand by me.” In her writings, she continually noted that plural marriage was a trial ordained by God to make her a better person, expressing

26. Memoir 107–8; p. 124.

27. Daynes, *More Wives Than One*, 27–29.



Original map courtesy of LDS Church Archives, additions by editor.

*Map of locations in Salt Lake City frequented
by Mary Lois Morris.*

sentiments such as “For how can gold be cleansed from dross except it be placed in the crucible?”²⁸

There was also an element of the miraculous in her belief. She recalled that in the morning after John died, Elias returned home to find that his first wife “knew as much as he did” about his agreement to marry Mary Lois. According to Mary Lois, Mary Parry “testified that John had been to see her during the night, while we were still watching him, and had told her that Elias was going to take me and had asked her to be kind to me.”²⁹

Second Husband

It seems from Mary Lois’s comments that Elias Morris may have been as unhappy about entering into a plural marriage as she was. Three years older than his brother John and ten years older than Mary Lois, Elias was born in 1825 in Llanfair, Denbighshire, Wales. His father was a stonemason; and when Elias was young, the Morris family moved to the town of Abergele, where his father worked for many years building

28. Memoir 97–98; pp. 122–23.

29. Memoir 106; p. 116.

a bridge and side walls for a nearby castle. At the age of eleven, Elias began working under his father as a mason's helper and bookkeeper, later advancing to the position of stonemason. At age nineteen, he went to England to gain more experience in bricklaying and furnace building. Upon his return to Wales, he was visited by two LDS missionaries, and on March 17, 1849, he became the first in his family to join the LDS church. He then taught his parents, sister, and four brothers about his new religion and they all joined the church and emigrated to Utah.³⁰

Before leaving Wales, Elias Morris became engaged to Mary E. Parry of Newmarket, Wales, who was born in 1834, six months before Mary Lois Walker. Mary Parry sailed for America in February 1852, a month before Morris, and upon reuniting, they were married by Orson Hyde on May 23, 1852, in Kanesville, Iowa.³¹ They reached the Salt Lake Valley in November 1852, one year ahead of Mary Lois and John Morris, and first settled in Provo, Utah. In 1853, after the sugar company they had been involved with dissolved, they moved to Cedar City, where Elias Morris superintended the construction of stone furnaces for iron manufacture. Cedar City was the center of the "Iron Mission," an early LDS venture in which church members were asked to work at iron mining and manufacturing.³²

In his memoir, Elias Morris recalled that in January 1855, "My brother John Morris (who was born Feby 14th 1828) Wife Mary L. Walker and one little baby came to Cedar City from Salt Lake City. On account of ill health his voice had fail[ed] him for many month, so that he could only wisper. While at my father house my Bro's baby died on . . ." ³³ Unfortunately his memoir breaks off in the middle of this sentence and does not begin again until five years later, obscuring from us his feelings

30. For more information on Elias Morris, see Elias Morris, "Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris: Son of John and Barbara Morris"; Lowell Young Morris, "Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris"; Virginia Goff Howe, "Elias Morris: Pioneer of 1852"; Thomas Cottam Romney, "Elias Morris," in *The Gospel in Action*, 119–20; Edward W. Tullidge, *History of Salt Lake City and Its Founders*, 152–54; "Integrity, Craftsmanship, Quality: The Story of Elias Morris and Sons Company," Marriott Special Collections, University of Utah (hereinafter cited as Morris and Sons).

31. Elias Morris, "Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris," 3.

32. Leonard Arrington explains that after the Cedar City iron works' first furnace failed, a second furnace was "built under the direction of Elias Morris, foremost Mormon carpenter and builder." The red sandstone furnace Morris constructed "was twenty-one feet square and thirty feet high, and required 650 tons of rock. Estimated to cost \$4,000 in labor and materials, the new furnace had a capacity of ten tons per day." Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 122–28; Janet Burton Seegmiller, *A History of Iron County: Community above Self*, 62–69.

33. Elias Morris, "Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris," 5.

and leaving Mary Lois's writings as the only point of view of their first years of marriage.³⁴

She explains that after their May 1856 marriage, she felt like an unwanted part of the household. She lived with Morris for only a year before going back to Salt Lake City to stay with her sister, Ann Agatha Pratt. Her visit to Salt Lake coincided with the 1857 entrance of federal troops into the Utah Territory as part of the Utah War.³⁵ Mary Lois spent the next year in Salt Lake City with her sister, leaving in the summer of 1858 when "the soldiers entered the city and the people moved south." Mary Lois also went south, returning to her husband in Cedar City with her heart "full of sadness and dread for the future." Upon being reunited with Morris, she later recalled, "I met all that I had anticipated, and asked my Heavenly Father that I might die."³⁶

The church-sponsored iron works that Elias worked for in Cedar City failed at the end of 1858 due to the limited and inferior quality of the coal supply in the area and the voluntary nature of the operation. According to historian Leonard Arrington, the "[s]mall, volunteer, cooperative industry was simply unable to cope with the problems associated with developing a major resource."³⁷ Mary Lois's situation, however, improved in January 1859 when she gave birth to a daughter, whom she named Effie Walker Morris.

After the Iron Mission's failure, Elias Morris, on the advice of Brigham Young, moved his two families to Salt Lake City, in May 1860. There he paid two mules, a harness, and a riding horse, all worth about four hundred dollars, for an adobe house his families would share. It had "two rooms and two half stories in bad repairs" and stood on a five-eighths acre lot in what is now downtown Salt Lake City.³⁸ There, in February 1861, Mary Lois gave birth to another daughter, Marian Adelaide, whom she called Addie. Her daughters were followed by John Conway (b. 1863), who died from an accident with fire at age four, Nephi Lowell (b. 1870), Ray Godwin (b. 1872), George Quayle (b. 1874), Katherine (Kate) Vaughan (b. 1876), and Richard Vaughan (b. 1882). Both Ray and Richard died as infants.

Mary Lois recalled that, in 1863, Morris added two small rooms for her and her children "west of the house proper, and we were more

34. The original handwritten Elias Morris memoir in the possession of Briant Badger, contains this omission as does the copy of the diary held by the University of Utah Special Collections, which was photocopied from Badger's original.

35. The Utah War is described in Donald R. Moorman, *Camp Floyd and the Mormons: The Utah War*, and in Norman F. Furniss, *The Mormon Conflict, 1850–1859*.

36. Memoir 109; pp. 124–25.

37. Arrington explains that the ten-year Iron Mission cost approximately \$150,000 but resulted in little actual iron production. *Great Basin Kingdom*, 127.

38. Memoir 113; p. 128; Elias Morris, "Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris," 6.

comfortable.” Then about 1871, he constructed “a little new two roomed house . . . in the lucern patch” for Mary Lois and her children. A year later, in 1872, he added three more rooms onto Mary Lois’s house, two of which she rented out. In 1872, he also built a larger, updated house for his first wife Mary Parry, at 230 South Third West.³⁹ Mary Lois’s home at 236 South Third West was separated from Mary Parry Morris’s house by only a narrow alleyway. While not as costly as the other house, Mary Lois’s two-story home had a porch, kitchen, dining room, parlor, cellar, “buttery,” and a few bedrooms. The parlor included a carpet of “brown and orange with a white thread for relief” and contained a “large round table and cane seated chairs and a rocker.” Mary Lois recalled that the fireplace under the parlor mantelpiece “gave the room a cheery appearance.”⁴⁰ She also owned a piano, around which visitors and family enjoyed gathering to sing. Outside she kept a cow and had several fruit trees and a vegetable garden.

After the failure of the LDS-sponsored iron mining venture for which he had labored for seven years, Elias Morris crossed Utah’s cultural divide by using his construction skills in both Mormon and non-Mormon ventures. Trained as a mason, in 1862 Morris took a leadership role in redoing the stone foundation of the Salt Lake Temple because Brigham Young was not satisfied with the coarse masonry of the original. To supplement his work on the temple, Morris began a contracting business in Salt Lake and helped construct the Salt Lake Theatre and several large stores in Salt Lake, including the Eagle Emporium and William S. Godbe’s Exchange Building. In 1862 and 1863, he constructed a bake oven and other buildings at Camp Douglas, the federal army camp that had been established overlooking Salt Lake in 1862, ostensibly to protect the overland trail from Native American raids but also to keep an eye on the Mormons.⁴¹

In 1865, Morris left both of his wives to serve a four-year mission for the LDS church in his native Wales, and during his last year there, he served as the president of the Wales Mission.⁴² After his return, in 1870, he formed a contracting and building company with Samuel L. Evans called the Morris & Evans Marble, Cemetery Memorial, and Contracting Business. While Morris & Evans dealt regularly with non-Mormon

39. Memoir 122–23, 160–62; pp. 134, 159–60.

40. Memoir 170; p. 165.

41. Elias Morris, “Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris,” 6; *Contributor*, 14:263–65; Kate Carter, *Heart Throbs of the West*, 6:351 (hereinafter cited as HTW); Morris and Sons, 6–7; Orson F. Whitney, *History of Utah*, 4:488; Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 201–4.

42. Tullidge, *History of Salt Lake City*, 152–53; Romney, *The Gospel in Action*, 122. Elias Morris’s diary from his mission to Wales is at the end of his memoir, “Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris.” In addition, a 1868 letter he wrote about the progress of his mission was printed in *The Latter-Day Saints’ Millennial Star*, 30 (February 22, 1868):125–27.

customers, the company also worked on the Salt Lake Temple, and in 1873 they oversaw the rock laying for the temple walls. The company operated “much after the pattern of the United Order,” the economic system advocated by the LDS church in the 1870s. Thus, the families of Elias Morris and Samuel Evans each drew from the company’s earnings “just sufficient” for their needs, and the balance was “absorbed by the company to build up the business.” Throughout the 1870s, Evans served as the bookkeeper and cashier of the firm, while Morris oversaw the practical work and the employees.⁴³

During that decade, Elias became involved in the growing regional mining business in the region and in subsequent years, he built many mills, smelters, furnaces, and pumps for mines throughout the area. After the completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869, mining in Utah became more profitable because the ore could now be transported at lower cost by railroad. LDS church leaders had previously discouraged mining for precious metals, although there had been limited church-sponsored attempts to mine other ores, such as the Cedar City Iron Mission. After 1869, though, LDS authorities accepted that some Mormons would work in the mines but encouraged them to get permission from their local church leaders before doing so.⁴⁴ Yet mining remained generally a non-Mormon venture, which contrasted with the Mormon-dominated agricultural economy. As Mary Lois records, Elias Morris bridged this economic and cultural divide. A prominent member of Mormon society, he traveled to mines throughout the region, building smelters and mills in Park City, Sandy, Stockton, American Fork, Bingham, Little Cottonwood, Flagstaff, and East Canyon and constructing furnaces for the Marsac and the Bullionville Smelting Company, as well as in Butte, Montana. With infrastructure his company constructed, miners could extract minerals from ore near the mine site rather than transporting it over long distances in unrefined form, which made mining prohibitively expensive. Morris’s company also bought a fireclay mine in Bingham and pioneered

43. Kate B. Carter, *Our Pioneer Heritage*, 17:20–21 (hereinafter cited as OPH); Andrew Jensen, *Latter-day Saint Biographical Encyclopedia*, 1:638 (hereinafter cited as AJ); Morris and Sons, 8–9; Romney, *The Gospel in Action*, 122. The “United Order of Enoch,” a movement to remake the Utah economy into a new economic system, was advocated by the LDS church from 1873 to 1877. In its purest form, the United Order entailed the pooling of community resources and seeking to end “individualistic profit-seeking and trade and achieve the blessed state of opulent self-sufficiency and equality.” In actual practice, few Mormon communities achieved this, although cooperative enterprises and a push for self-sufficiency were widespread. Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 323–26.

44. Arrington, “Abundance from the Earth: The Beginnings of Commercial Mining in Utah,” 205–17; Sadler, “The Impact of Mining on Salt Lake City,” 249–53; Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 240–44.



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The Ontario Mine in Park City, where Elias Morris worked on numerous construction projects during the 1880s.



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The Morris & Sons marble yard located at 21 W. South Temple, directly across from the Tabernacle, whose domed roof appears in the background.



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*The inside of Mary Lois's church, the Salt
Lake Fifteenth Ward chapel.*

the manufacture of firebrick in the West, supplying firebrick in Utah, Wyoming, Montana, Idaho, and Nevada.⁴⁵

After Samuel Evans's death in 1881, Elias Morris bought his partner's share and renamed the company Morris & Sons. Despite a series of financial losses in the 1880s that included fires that burned down his businesses and the failure of the Mammoth mine in Tintic to pay approximately twenty-two thousand dollars that he claimed it owed his company, Morris persevered. His company continued to build mining infrastructure, and Mary Lois often noted in her diary that he was away from home working on different construction projects. During the 1880s, he worked especially frequently at the Ontario Mine in Park City, where in addition to a smelter and furnaces, his company erected the Ontario mill.⁴⁶

One of Utah's first great entrepreneurs and capitalists, Elias Morris also developed and had interests in a tannery, the Salt Lake Foundry, a

45. AJ, 1:638; Tullidge, *History of Salt Lake City*, 153; Lowell Young Morris, "Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris," 21–22; Whitney, *History of Utah*, 4:488.

46. Tullidge, *History of Salt Lake City*, 153; Morris and Sons, 9; *Deseret Evening News*, June 21, 1883; July 19, 1883. For more about mining in Park City, see George A. Thompson and Fraser Buck, *Treasure Mountain Home: A Centennial History of Park City, Utah*, 33–44; Raye Carleson Ringholz, *Diggings and Doings in Park City*, 4–10; Carl L. Ege, *Selected Mining Districts of Utah*, 26–27.

soap factory, the Utah Cement Factory, a slate quarry, the Utah Sugar Factory, and the Pioneer Patent Flour Mills. His company, Morris & Sons, operated the first marble monument store in Salt Lake City, where they sold cement, marble memorials, fireplaces, and marble tiles. In the next decades, Morris & Sons played a significant role in the construction of a number of buildings in Salt Lake and the surrounding region, including the Deseret National Bank, the City and County Building, and one of the University of Utah's early buildings.⁴⁷

The profits from Elias's mining and other building projects caused his assets to grow significantly throughout the 1870s and 1880s. Between 1865 and 1870, tax assessors valued his wealth at around \$700. By 1873, he had acquired \$3,000 in property; and throughout the 1870s, he was valued at between \$3,200 and \$4,800. After purchasing his partner's share in Morris & Evans in 1881 for \$10,000 "in money and property," Elias's worth climbed, reaching \$14,450 in 1885 and about \$19,000 in 1888 and appearing on the tax assessor's rolls primarily in the form of property, machinery, and stock in mining or manufacturing companies.⁴⁸ On August 1, 1893, his firm incorporated as the Elias Morris & Sons Company, "with a capital stock of \$60,000 at \$10 a share."⁴⁹

Elias also held leadership positions in the LDS church, serving as second counselor in the bishopric of his local congregation, the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, from 1867 to 1877, as a high councillor in the Salt Lake Stake from 1878 to 1898, and as president of the high priests quorum in his ward for ten years. In 1890, he became the bishop of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, a position he held until his death in 1898.⁵⁰

Involvement in Community

Religion defined Mary Lois's life, as it did her husband's. To her, God was not a far-off, distant deity. Rather, he was a constant part of her life, a partner with her in raising her children. She described God as the reason

47. AJ, 1:638; Morris and Sons, 8–13; Whitney, *History of Utah*, 4:488; OPH, 14:448. Elias Morris was also involved in local politics, serving as a member of the Salt Lake City council for four years and as a member of the Utah Constitutional Convention of 1895 that drafted the laws of the state.

48. Deed between Elias Morris and the heirs of Samuel Evans, August 19, 1882; Tullidge, *History of Salt Lake City*, 153; tax records for Elias Morris, Salt Lake County Assessor Tax Assessment Rolls, 1865–1890.

49. Morris and Sons, 14.

50. AJ, 1:638. According to historian Kathryn Daynes, a leadership position in the LDS church was a better predictor of a man having plural wives than any other factor. Men with a "higher church rank were considered more likely to attain exaltation in the next life and thus provide women with the eternal spouses they needed for their own exaltation." Daynes, *More Wives Than One*, 128–29.

for her every action, indeed for her very marriage. In recalling her moral struggle about whether to enter into polygamy, she wrote a comment that encapsulates much of her attitude toward life: “it was me and my God and stirring principle for the battle.”⁵¹ Her use of the intimate phrase “me and my God” shows her familiarity with diety. Yet her warlike metaphor also shows her decision to enter polygamy as the result of an internal battle between what she saw as a God-given principle and her resistance to the marriage. This struggle to do what she felt was right in spite of internal and external opposition carried over to the remainder of her life. To her, in many ways, all life was a “battle,” in which duty and obedience to God played a larger role than personal satisfaction or pleasure. Thus, when polygamy was challenged in the 1880s, she again battled to do what she saw as right, driven by religious principle.

Unlike her husband’s life, the majority of Mary Lois’s interactions were with other Mormons. While she interacted with Mormons from throughout Utah, the core of her community was her church congregation, the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, which encompassed an area three blocks wide and nine blocks long, bounded by South Temple Street on the north, Third South Street on the south, Second West Street on the east, and the Jordan River on the west. In 1880, the Fifteenth Ward boundaries included about 1,253 people, of which approximately three-fourths were LDS.⁵² Mary Lois’s diary carefully records her own and her children’s meeting attendance. At this time, the Salt Lake wards generally held a morning Sunday school, which increasingly instructed adults as well as children, and an evening preaching session. A Sunday afternoon meeting open to all church members, regardless of ward, took place in the Tabernacle at Temple Square.⁵³ While Mary Lois rarely attended the morning Sunday school, she went to either the afternoon Tabernacle meeting or evening ward meeting almost every week, sometimes to both. She appears to have attended weekday Relief Society meetings for the women of her congregation, Thursday fast meetings, and the monthly Fourteenth Ward retrenchment leadership meetings less consistently. When she did go to the retrenchment leadership meeting, held to guide a movement for LDS women to become self-sufficient, modest, and less

51. Memoir 105; p. 122. Mary Lois later wrote a similar phrase about raising her children: “It was My Heavenly Father and me in the rearing of those children.” Memoir 227–28; p. 193.

52. The Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward was organized February 22, 1849. When first organized, it extended from South Temple to Third South streets and from Second to Fifth West streets. Jensen, *Encyclopedic History*, 750; Map of Salt Lake City, Prepared Expressly for Crofut’s *Salt Lake City Directory* (1885), LDS Archives.

53. For an explanation of LDS church meetings during this time, see Ronald W. Walker, “‘Going to Meeting’ in Salt Lake City’s Thirteenth Ward, 1849–1881: A Microanalysis,” 138–61.



Courtesy of the Ashton Family Organization

*A Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward group outing,
similar to those Mary Lois describes in her
diaries. John Jeremy is driving.*

materially minded, she recorded witnessing on at least four occasions “the spirit of God . . . poured out upon the Sisters” and several women speaking in tongues.⁵⁴

Religious belief seems to have prompted her extensive, daily involvement in service to her community. She participated in the Relief Society’s drive for home industry and mentions its projects of producing silk, operating the Deseret Hospital, and storing wheat.⁵⁵ As a member of the visiting committee of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Relief Society from 1879 to 1884, Mary Lois visited the sick, took “comforts” to the poor, gave aid to the elderly, and visited the people on her city block regularly. Her acts varied from visiting “a number of German people, new comers,” to going to “see Mother William about her having some shoes.”⁵⁶

54. May 24, 1879; September 11, 1880; April 9, 1881; June 14, 1884. According to LDS doctrine, speaking in tongues was a spiritual gift. For a discussion of LDS women speaking in tongues, see Linda King Newell, “Gifts of the Spirit: Women’s Share,” 111–50.

55. For more about the Relief Society’s activities during this period, see Leonard J. Arrington, “The Economic Role of Pioneer Mormon Women,” 145–64; Jill Mulvay Derr, Janeth Russell Cannon, and Maureen Ursenbach Beecher, *Women of Covenant*; Jill Mulvay Derr, “Brigham Young and the Awakening of Mormon Women in the 1870s,” 312–37.

56. November 4, 1886; December 27, 1879.

Funerals and the dead and dying were a constant presence in her life. As part of her church duties as a member of the visiting committee, she helped lay out the dead and stayed overnight with the dying to ease their suffering. She recorded many funerals that she attended. In describing those of nonrelatives, she often noted the corpse's pleasant appearance and commented on the remarks at the funeral service, finding them "interesting" or "beautiful." After the funerals of her relatives, she recorded none of these details, focusing instead on her and other family members' grief.⁵⁷ When her infant son died in 1882 on the day of his birth, she deeply mourned the loss of "the little treasure." For the next few weeks, she recorded her sorrow, writing a week and a half later, "wept most of the day, felt most acutely that my baby was gone."⁵⁸

Mary Lois also oversaw the growth of her ward primary, part of an association for the children of the LDS church that was founded only three months before she began her diary.⁵⁹ At the evening ward meeting on October 12, 1884, Mary Lois's bishop rose and announced a new assignment for her—president of the Fifteenth Ward Primary Association.⁶⁰ She would hold this position for the next twelve years. She found it daunting at first but seems to have enjoyed the assignment. The first activity she held was a party with dancing by the children. Later activities included a children's concert, a visit to the Deseret Museum, games on the "green," public speaking by the children, and a primary fair where the children showed off items they had made. During the 1880s, Mary Lois created much of the primary curriculum she used herself as the churchwide leadership was largely immobilized by the conflict over polygamy.⁶¹

57. According to Lester E. Bush, LDS church leaders sought to emphasize, particularly in regard to deaths among the elderly, "the perceived positive side of death, which they characterized as both a rebirth and a victory." Yet in the nineteenth century, the frequent deaths among infants and children often elicited a very different response. Despite their religious belief that young children would be granted exaltation, "early Mormon diarists show these losses, especially when unexpected, to have been a source of immense grief." Lester E. Bush Jr., *Health and Medicine among the Latter-day Saints: Science, Sense, and Scripture*, 25–26.

58. February 2, 1879; January 10, 1881; January 27, 1881; October 6, 1881; January 28, 1879; July 20–29, 1882.

59. The Primary Association was the children's organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. In August 1878, the first Primary Association was organized, and during the succeeding years, Primary Associations were started in wards throughout the LDS church. Mary Barraclough, ed., *15th Ward Memories, Riverside Stake: 1849–1960*, 180–82; Carol Cornwall Madsen and Susan Staker Oman, *Sisters and Little Saints: One Hundred Years of Primary*, 1–13; Jill Mulvey Derr, "Sisters and Little Saints: One Hundred Years of Mormon Primaries," 75–101.

60. Memoir 197; p.191.

61. Mary Lois mentioned giving lectures to the children on the history of Utah, the Book of Mormon, "gospel principles," LDS church history, not working on the Sabbath, the



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The Salt Lake Theatre, where Mary Lois frequently saw plays. Her husband Elias Morris worked on the construction of the theater.

Mary Lois participated in community discourse through her reading of histories of the LDS church, magazines such as the *Juvenile Instructor* and *Woman's Exponent*, and the *Deseret Evening News* paper. Throughout her diary, she recorded excerpts from early church history that she had read and noted the anniversary of significant LDS historical events. Like her brother, Charles Lowell Walker, who was nicknamed "Dixie's poet" for his poems of life in St. George, Utah, Mary Lois wrote poetry throughout her life. Several of her poems appear in the diary. They are more private in nature and more sentimental than those of her brother and most often express religious themes or commemorate the death or birth of a relative or friend.⁶² Two Utah magazines, the *Woman's Exponent* and the *Juvenile Instructor*, published her poetry and essays.⁶³

"power of healing," and natural history. November 20, 1884; May 29, 1885; July 16, 1886; October 20, 1886; December 1, 1886; May 6, 1887; July 22, 1887. For more on the Primary Association in this period, see Madsen and Oman, *Sisters and Little Saints*, 15–32.

62. In 1918, one year before Mary Lois Morris's death, her compiled poems were published for private circulation in Mary Lois Walker Morris, *A Few Thoughts of Mary L. Morris: Dedicated to Her Children*.
63. On December 1, 1897, the *Woman's Exponent* published a poem by Mary Lois Morris titled "The Weed and Her Friends," which uses the metaphor of weeds to show the importance of rooting out sin early before it is able to spread. The same issue contained a letter from Mary Lois to Emmeline B. Wells, the editor of the *Exponent*, entitled "A

As a professional milliner, Mary Lois interacted with many members of her community through her trade. In nineteenth-century Utah, the absence of men because of polygamy or missions led some women to pursue paid employment to bring additional money to their households.⁶⁴ When Elias Morris left for his mission, Mary Lois was thirty years old and had three young children. Lacking money, she began to work as a milliner, using skills she had learned from her mother and from the coaching of her older sister, Ann Agatha, who already had a millinery business in Salt Lake City. She later described a variety of the hats that she made. They included, for her husband, a hat “of fine rice straw, which he wore for best”; one for her six-month-old son in the form of “a turban with a round brim, of fine white rice straw trimmed with blue plush with rosettes to match”; and “a white straw bonnet with straw trimmings” for herself.⁶⁵ She was so successful at making and selling hats that when her husband returned and saw her thriving business, he suggested that she open a millinery store. She declined, noting later that operating a store would not have allowed her to be a good mother to her children, but continued to make hats at home and actively sought customers, as evidenced by multiple advertisements in the *Woman’s Exponent* in 1878. One declared “Mrs. M. L. Morris Wishes to announce to her former patrons and others that she CLEANS, REMODELS AND DYES STRAW AND TUSCAN HATS. LEGHORN made a specialty. Ladies’ own material made up. Residence—One block west and half a block south of Court House.”⁶⁶

She also manifested her sense of community in the political sphere. In 1870, women in the Utah Territory were given the right to vote, thereby becoming the second group of women in the United States, after those in the Wyoming Territory, to gain suffrage.⁶⁷ Mary Lois voted on

Word to the Primaries,” which recounted the efforts of the Salt Lake Stake Primary Association presidency (of which Mary Lois was a member) to visit all the surrounding primaries and separate the children into classes by age so that they could learn at their appropriate levels. *Woman’s Exponent*, December 1, 1897, 217, 219. Mary Lois also wrote an essay that was published in the *Juvenile Instructor* on August 1, 1904, titled “We Trusted in the Lord,” about an incident when a child was sick and Mary Lois persuaded the parents to discharge the doctor and trust in the administration of the elders. The child was healed and, despite a relapse a week later, survived. Mary Lois Morris, “We Trusted in the Lord,” *Juvenile Instructor*, August 1, 1904, 465–67.

64. Jessie L. Embry, *Mormon Polygamous Families: Life in the Principle*, 101–3; Michael Bargo, “Women’s Occupations in the West in 1870,” 30–45; Maureen Ursenbach Beecher, “Women’s Work on the Mormon Frontier,” 276–90.

65. Memoir 152–55; pp. 153–58.

66. These advertisements were printed at least two times in the *Woman’s Exponent*, appearing in the May 1, 1878, and May 15, 1878, editions.

67. A number of different perspectives about women’s suffrage in Utah are presented in Carol Cornwall Madsen, ed., *Battle for the Ballot: Essays on Woman Suffrage in Utah, 1870–1896*. For the political experience of women in the United States as a whole, see

at least two occasions, both times for the Mormon-dominated People's Party. After the federal government revoked woman suffrage in Utah, she exhibited interest in the national suffrage movement, attending meetings advocating the vote for women in February 1889 and August 1893.⁶⁸

A private web of friendship held together Mary Lois's community. A core element of urban middle and upper-class women's lives in late nineteenth-century America was the ritual of house-to-house visiting.⁶⁹ Few days went by without Mary Lois or her children calling on someone or receiving a visitor. Often neighbors or relatives, her visitors also came from other areas of the city and territory and were male as well as female. The greatest constant among callers was her family, which expanded to include the families her older daughters married into, the Ashtons and the Cannons. Callers were such an integral part of Mary Lois's life that she noted their absence with surprise, writing at the end of one day that "for a wonder," they did not have any visitors.⁷⁰ Since virtually all her visitors were Mormons, this constant flow of callers seems to have further connected her with the community of Mormons and separated her from those outside it. These associations increased her sense of being under siege when federal marshals began to arrest Mormon men on charges of polygamy and unlawful cohabitation.

As closely connected as Mary Lois records Mormon society to have been, there were still divisions based on class and other factors. While she spent time with people from many different walks of life, Elias Morris's prominent financial and social position situated her family in the elite circles of Mormon Salt Lake City. Yet even though she associated with prominent families such as the Cannons during the 1880s, she had worked as a domestic servant for several years before her marriages and had experienced poverty—as a child when her father left his family to go on a six-year mission and in the 1860s when she struggled to provide food and clothing for her children while her husband was on a four-year mission in Wales.

As one of the wealthier members of the community, Mary Lois took part in many of the cultural activities available in an increasingly

Paula Baker, "The Domestication of Politics: Women and American Political Society, 1780–1920," 72–82.

68. February 9, 1880; February 13, 1882. Mary Lois wrote of attending suffrage meetings in her February 9, 1889 and August 14, 1893 diary entries.

69. Calling was a ritualized procedure "by which people identified their social intentions and maintained or sought to overcome class distinctions." Harvey Green, *The Light of the Home: An Intimate View of the Lives of Women in Victorian America*, 144–46; Thomas Schlereth, *Victorian America: Transformations in Everyday Life, 1876–1915*, 117–18.

70. May 30, 1884.



Courtesy of the Ashton Family Organization

Effie Walker Morris Ashton (1859–1929) was the oldest daughter of Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris. She married Edward Treharne Ashton on April 4, 1878, at the age of nineteen.



Courtesy of Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley

Marian Adelaide Morris (1861–1933), about twenty years old.



Courtesy of the International Society of Daughters of Utah Pioneers

Katherine Vaughan Morris (1876–1930), Mary Lois's youngest surviving child.

George Quayle Morris (1874–1962), Mary Lois’s youngest surviving son, as a young man. He went on to become an apostle of the LDS church from 1954 to 1962.



Courtesy of Linda Kidd



Courtesy of Linda Kidd

*Nephi Lowell Morris (1870–1943), Mary Lois’s oldest surviving son, in September 1899. He went on to become stake president of the Salt Lake Stake and ran for governor of Utah two times.
Photograph by C. R. Savage*

sophisticated Salt Lake City.⁷¹ In contrast to the many other women in the West who at this time lived in rough frontier conditions, Mary Lois regularly attended balls, parties, plays, concerts, and lectures. She wrote, for instance, on February 15, 1884, "This eve with my husband and his other Wife, attended a grand civic Ball in the Theatre given to the Salt Lake and Wyoming Legislator in honor of the latters visit. it was a dazzling affir."⁷² She viewed many of the popular plays sweeping the nation, including "Uncle Tom's Cabin" and Gilbert and Sullivan's "H.M.S. Pinafore." She also saw performances by renowned actors and singers, such as Adelina Patti, who some regarded as "the greatest singer in the world."⁷³

Mary Lois also made an effort to bring culture into her home. She particularly appreciated fine singing and noted on several occasions that she and her daughters or guests spent the evening in song. She had her children take voice lessons, and her daughter Addie played the guitar. In addition to music, Mary Lois emphasized reading and elocution to both her own children and the children she taught in primary.

While Mary Lois rarely remarked upon it, race was a significant issue in the nineteenth-century United States, and though her encounters with them were few, people not of European descent occasionally penetrated her awareness. Upon arriving in America, she had a naive view of slavery. She recalled that on a steamboat from New Orleans to St. Louis in 1850, "[s]ome fine looking colored girls were also on board, slaves no doubt, going to be sold or bought by some one." She further recorded, "Father gave them money, as was the custom for white people to do, and asked them if white men ever married them. They told him that they did. How little did we know of the customs of white slave owners." In 1853 while crossing the plains, she wrote of an encounter with Indians in the Platte River Valley, describing these Pawnees as "a very savage tribe" and noting that they were "dressed in their trappings and war paint." To her, the Pawnee chief was a type of noble savage, who patrolled the pioneer company's camp "to protect us from his own band," and she believed "that a superior power inspired him to do as he did."⁷⁴

The one African American acquaintance in Salt Lake City that Mary Lois mentioned, her neighbor Susan Blanchard, was a member of the Baptist church who came from Kentucky in 1883 to "preside over" the kitchen of Utah governor Eli Houston Murray.⁷⁵ In 1887, Mary

71. See Thomas G. Alexander and James B. Allen, *Mormons and Gentiles: A History of Salt Lake City*, 87–123.

72. February 15, 1884.

73. In 1884, Adelina Patti sang in the Salt Lake Tabernacle to a crowd reputed to number seven thousand. Michael Hicks, *Mormonism and Music: A History*, 100–101.

74. Memoir 51, 79; pp. 103–4.

75. Susan Blanchard was a pioneering member of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church

Lois described meeting two African American visitors to Salt Lake City who were staying with Susan Blanchard: Elizabeth Flake Rowan, who had lived in Nauvoo, Illinois, and Utah as a slave to the LDS family of James and Agnes Flake, and her daughter Alice Ann Rowan.⁷⁶ After Mary Lois met the Rowans along the “wayside,” Alice Rowan called on her four times, accompanied on at least one visit by her mother. Mary Lois described Alice in her diary as “very Lady-like and refined” and a “very Clever performer upon the Piano” and noted that they sang several songs together. During one visit, Mary Lois had a “long talk” with Alice about Mormonism and accompanied her to a meeting in the Tabernacle.⁷⁷

Life in Polygamy

Mary Lois’s life writings are an important resource for understanding family life in polygamy. Her husband Elias Morris only appeared sporadically in her diary, often in the context of his business or church work. Mary Lois mentioned her children in both her diary and her memoir far more often than her husband. According to scholar Jill Mulvey Derr, it was common for plural wives to “reveal in their personal writings a primary emotional involvement with their children rather than with their

in Salt Lake City, which she had joined by 1902. Although Mary Lois mentions Susan only once in her memoir (Memoir 243) and twice in her diaries (July 22 and July 23, 1887) and adds the description of “colored” to her name, Mary Lois describes her neighbor as “a very plasing person.” According to the census records, there were 232 blacks in Utah in 1880 (0.2 percent of the total Utah population) and 588 blacks in Utah in 1890 (0.3 percent of the total Utah population). 1900 U.S. Federal Census; France A. Davis, *Light in the Midst of Zion: A History of Black Baptists in Utah, 1892–1996*, 9–19; Newell G. Bringham, *Saints, Slaves, and Blacks: The Changing Place of Black People within Mormonism*, 218–19, 228.

76. Elizabeth (Liz) Flake Rowan was born and raised on the North Carolina plantation of William Love. When William Love’s daughter, Agnes Love, married James Flake, her father gave five-year-old Elizabeth to her “as her personal maid.” In 1844, Agnes and James Flake joined the LDS church and with Elizabeth, moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. Elizabeth then traveled with them to Utah, arriving in the Salt Lake Valley in October 1848. After James Flake’s death in 1850, Elizabeth went with the remaining family to a Mormon colony in San Bernardino, California. Agnes Flake died soon after; and in 1855, Elizabeth went with Agnes’s children to live with the Amasa Lyman family. When Agnes’s son William left to return to Utah, he gave Elizabeth her freedom. She married a free African American man named Charles H. Rowan, who owned and operated a barber shop in the Grand Southern Hotel in San Bernardino. Elizabeth and Charles had two sons and a daughter, Alice Ann Rowan. Alice, a schoolteacher, “taught the white children at Riverside for three years,” quitting teaching when she married. OPH, 8:514–16; Bringham, *Saints, Slaves, and Blacks*, 218–27.
77. July 22, 1887; July 28, 1887; August 3, 1887; August 7, 1887; August 8, 1887.



Courtesy of Briant G. Badger

Elias Morris, his first wife Mary Parry, and their children. Left to right, back row: Nellie Morris, Elias Morris Jr., Winifred M. Tibbs, John Morris, Tansie M. Brown. Front row: Albert G. Morris, Elias Morris, Sr., Barbara M. Jones, Mary Parry Morris, Josephine M. Goff, Ernest Morris.

husbands.”⁷⁸ When Mary Lois’s daughter Addie left to start a new home, for instance, Mary Lois wrote that it seemed “as if the light of our house had gone out.”⁷⁹

In 1879, as Mary Lois’s diary began, her nineteen-year-old daughter, Effie, was a young wife, having married Edward Treharne Ashton, an employee of Elias Morris, one year earlier. Effie and Edward lived within walking distance of Mary Lois, and they visited each other often. Mary Lois’s second daughter, Addie, was seventeen. As the oldest child living at home, Addie had an intimate relationship with her mother, and Mary Lois recorded many of her social and church activities. Because of Elias Morris’s long absence during his mission to Wales and the death of her son John Conway, Mary Lois’s two surviving sons were much younger than her older daughters. Nephi was eight years old when the diary began; George, four. While Nephi went on to be president of the Salt Lake Stake, in his youth Mary Lois struggled at times to get him to go to church. She

78. Jill Mulvay Derr, “‘Strength in Our Union’: The Making of Mormon Sisterhood,” 167.

79. December 26, 1884.

depicted George, who later became one of the LDS church's twelve apostles, as a "good and steady child."⁸⁰ Mary Lois's youngest child in 1879 was two-year-old Kate. Kate loved to tag along when her sister Addie's suitor, George M. Cannon, came to call, setting a precedent for Kate's later plural marriage to Cannon, by then Addie's husband.⁸¹

Mary Lois was the primary caregiver to her children. She explained in her memoir, "It was my Heavenly Father and me in the rearing of those children."⁸² Therefore, like other nineteenth-century Mormon women, when her children became ill, Mary Lois laid her hands upon them and gave them a healing blessing.⁸³ A typical example took place in November 1885, when she recorded being "wakened by little Kate complaining of her throat and high fever, put her through a thorough course of steaming; but before that administered holy oil to her in the name of the Lord Juses, also anointed her in His Holy Name praying humbly for God to acknowledge the same. In ten minutes she was in a copious sweat, and relived from her pain. and able to sit up . . . let God be praised for his goodness." The next day she wrote, "little Kate is almost well the white and red spots are almost gone from her throat we trusted in God who is the best Phssican."⁸⁴ Thus, in a pattern seen throughout her diary, before using medical remedies, Mary Lois gave her daughter a healing blessing. Then she attributed it to God rather than to medical treatment when Kate recovered. While Mary Lois generally gave blessings to her children herself, at times she asked elders

80. January 10, 1886.

81. George Mousley Cannon (1861–1937), the son of Salt Lake Stake president Angus Munn Cannon and Sarah Maria Mousley, studied in the scientific department of Deseret University, completing his education at age 19. For the next two years, Cannon taught at the school George Q. Cannon had founded for his children. Then in 1882, Cannon gave up teaching and worked for two years as a deputy in the office of the county recorder. In 1884, he was elected county recorder, in which position he remained for six years. In 1892, he became the cashier of Zion's Saving Bank and Trust company, and in 1895, he served as a member of the Utah Constitutional Convention. He also served as the first president of the State Senate of Utah. He married Marian Adelaide (Addie) Morris in 1884 and Katherine (Kate) Vaughn Morris and Ellen Christina Steffensen in 1901, well after the Wilford Woodruff Manifesto that in 1890 announced an end to polygamy. AJ, 1:566, 4:206; *Biographical Record of Salt Lake City and Vicinity*, 330–32 (hereinafter cited as BRSL).

82. Memoir 227.

83. In nineteenth-century Utah, washing and anointing by women took place within sacred spaces such as the temple, as well as within private homes. According to Linda King Newell, "The wording took different forms as the occasion demanded. One of the most common uses of the washing and anointing blessing came as women administered to each other prior to childbirth." Newell, "Gifts of the Spirit: Women's Share," 111–50, quotation, 123; Derr, Cannon, and Beecher, *Women of Covenant*, 220–21.

84. November 14, 1885; November 15, 1885.

holding the priesthood to do the administration in addition to or instead of doing it herself.⁸⁵

In 1879, Elias Morris spent every other week—when he was not away on his frequent business trips—with her family. Mary Lois recalled in her memoir that he was still staying with her family every other week as late as October 1884; and it seems from her diary that he did not stop living with her until April 14, 1885.⁸⁶ By the time the diaries commence, Mary Lois and Elias appear to have settled into a quiet friendship. They seemed to enjoy each other's company and to respect each other. Evidence suggests, however, that their relationship was not romantic but a practical and companionable association that they made the best of by liking each other as fellow human beings.

Despite Mary Lois's good feelings toward her husband, her relationship with her husband's other wife, Mary Parry Morris, was evidently distant. She rarely mentioned Mary Parry, and when she did, it was only in connection to their husband. Although the two women lived in the same home for at least a decade and Mary Lois recorded mutual visiting with hundreds of her neighbors, they do not seem to have been friends or even to have visited each other as neighbors. On rare occasions, the women both attended an event with Elias Morris, such as a play or a picnic, and Mary Lois usually noted that she enjoyed these events. Yet she also recorded several occasions when her husband, his first wife, and their family did something without including Mary Lois, as when Mary Parry and her children accompanied Morris to Park City, where he was working. On another occasion, Mary Lois wrote in her diary, "My Husband's second daughter Winnie. was Married this day to Peter Tibbs. . . . They hahave not so much as said wedding to me or Addie. These things cut and wound; but they cannot dim our crown if we are faithfull enough to gain one."⁸⁷ She also noticed differences in their economic treatment, writing that "beholding so many things" in Mary Parry's elegant new home, including wallpaper said to be the "most costly in the city . . . would have wounded a nature even less sensitive than my own."⁸⁸ Mary Lois and Mary Parry's young children did have some interaction, which is not surprising considering the proximity of their houses.

85. February 13, 1880. See also the entry of July 29, 1879, for an example of Mary Lois summoning the Elders to administer "the ordainment of the House of God" to her sick daughter instead of administering it herself. Although most of the healing blessings that Mary Lois gave were to her children, she also recorded washing and anointing at least two other people, a woman she called Sister Morgan and someone identified only as a "sick person." November 11, 1879; July 28, 1880.

86. Memoir 197; pp. 190–91. April 14, 1885.

87. April 3, 1879.

88. Memoir 161–62; p. 160.

The Raids

To many U.S. citizens, the LDS practice of polygamy was barbaric.⁸⁹ As a result, Congress passed law after law during the second half of the nineteenth century, tightening the vise on Utah in an effort to strangle polygamy before it spread its moral corruption to the rest of the nation.⁹⁰ Nineteenth-century Mormons generally saw the situation in a different light. While a minority of members actually practiced polygamy, most Mormons regarded it as divinely ordained.⁹¹ The doctrine of polygamy was preached across Mormon pulpits as the highest form of marriage, and men in leadership positions in the church usually had more than one wife. As a result, when the federal government tried to end polygamy in Utah, Mormons peacefully resisted, fiercely protecting what they saw as their right.⁹²

In the early 1880s, the federal government strengthened legislation against polygamy and began to enforce these laws more forcefully in Utah. Until this time, the antipolygamy laws of the U.S. were difficult to enforce because no Utah jury, which would naturally be composed primarily of members of the territory's majority religion, would convict a fellow Mormon for polygamy.⁹³ The 1882 Edmunds Act bolstered the

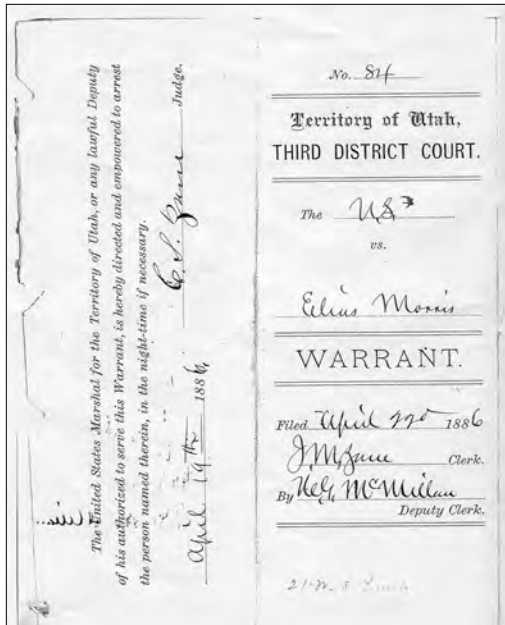
89. Sarah Barringer Gordon, *The Mormon Question: Polygamy and Constitutional Conflict in Nineteenth-Century America*, 29–52.

90. See Gordon, *The Mormon Question*; Edwin Brown Firmage and Richard Collin Mangrum, *Zion in the Courts: A Legal History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1830–1900*, 129–260; Richard Douglas Poll, “The Legislative Antipolygamy Campaign,” 107–21; Gustive O. Larson, “Government, Politics, and Conflict,” 243–56.

91. Scholars disagree about the exact percentage of Mormons who practiced polygamy. The number of practicing polygamists also changed over time. One of the most accurate studies is historian Kathryn Daynes's in-depth examination of polygamy in Manti, Utah. Daynes found that in 1860, 44 percent of women in Manti were in a polygamous relationship; in 1870, 35 percent of women were in such a relationship; in 1880, 25 percent were living in polygamy; and by 1900, only 7 percent remained in polygamy. After 1860 the number of plural marriages steadily decreased as a result of both internal and external factors. Daynes, *More Wives Than One*, 108.

92. Mormons often resisted federal efforts to end polygamy by going into hiding to avoid arrest or to avoid testifying in court. See Gustive O. Larson, “The Crusade and the Manifesto”; Kimberly Jensen James, “‘Between Two Fires’: Women on the ‘Underground’ of Mormon Polygamy.” Women as well as men also resisted federal intervention by defending the practice of polygamy in magazines, such as the *Woman's Exponent*, and in public and church meetings. See Claudia L. Bushman, “Reports from the Field: The World of the *Woman's Exponent*”; Davis Bitton, “Polygamy Defended: One Side of a Nineteenth-Century Polemic.”

93. In 1862, just over a decade after the Mormons arrived in Utah, Congress passed the Morrill Anti-Bigamy Act, which penalized those practicing bigamy and made it unlawful for U.S. religious organizations to hold property over fifty thousand dollars. As the law



Courtesy of the National Archives

*Warrant for the arrest
of Elias Morris on the
charge of unlawful
cohabitation, filed on
April 22, 1886.*

existing legislation by declaring unlawful cohabitation a misdemeanor, disfranchising polygamists, barring polygamists from political office and jury duty, and putting a commission hostile to Mormon interests in charge of territorial elections. The offense of unlawful cohabitation was much easier to prove than polygamy, for which a conviction required proof of marriage. A conviction for cohabitation required proof only that a man lived with more than one woman. In 1887, the Edmunds-Tucker Act imposed even harsher penalties on the LDS church and its polygamist members by dissolving the corporation of the LDS church, seizing church property, and revoking woman suffrage in the territory.⁹⁴

Beginning in 1884 with the appointment of Judge Charles Zane, federal authorities in Utah strictly enforced laws against plural marriage and illegal cohabitation.⁹⁵ In the ensuing years, many of the territory's most prominent men were prosecuted and jailed on charges of polygamy or

was difficult to enforce, the LDS church remained relatively unaffected by its penalties. In 1879, the Supreme Court issued a decision on the case in *Reynolds v. United States*, which alleged that polygamy was "antirepublican." Three years later, the Edmunds Act allowed jurors to be challenged if they believed in polygamy, thus invalidating Mormon jurors. Daynes, *More Wives Than One*, 47–48.

94. Gordon, *The Mormon Question*, 147–61; Firmage and Mangrum, *Zion in the Courts*, 197–99.

95. Thomas G. Alexander, "Charles S. Zane: Apostle of the New Era," 291–93, 306–9.

unlawful cohabitation. The lives of ordinary citizens also changed. Mary Lois, for instance, found that the new antipolygamy laws left her marriage in an ambiguous state. Until 1884, she appeared with Elias Morris in public on a fairly regular basis. Then, on April 14, 1885, she recorded in her diary, “My Husband has thought it wisdom to absent himself from this part of the family, on account of the acts of the wicked.”⁹⁶ Elias Morris’s decision to severely limit his time with his second wife and her family was no doubt due to the increasing number of prosecutions of polygamists by Judge Zane.⁹⁷ While Elias still saw Mary Lois occasionally in 1885, by 1886 more than half their recorded interactions were by letter. In 1887, the year of the passage of the Edmunds-Tucker Act, Mary Lois had almost no interaction with her husband.

As a result of the increased enforcement of federal law, in 1885 Mary Lois began to hide to avoid authorities anxious to prosecute her husband. At this time women had two options for “‘getting out of the way.’ One was to remain at home, going into hiding periodically when the need arose; the other, to relocate on a more permanent basis.”⁹⁸ Initially, Mary Lois chose the first option, going to the homes of her daughters for an afternoon or several days when it was necessary to avoid federal deputies. On March 25, 1885, for instance, she wrote that she did housework in the morning but spent the evening “in a closet,” finally coming home about 11 p.m. and entering the house through the buttery window. At the end of 1885, she noted in her diary, “[W]ent to Addie’s accompanied by little George whoes hand is hurt. We had to carry a heavy bundle. fell into a deep ditch and brused my limbs thought it a rather hard experience after day’s hard work; still it was not as bad as the Saints had in their drivings in early day.”

Then, on December 2, 1885, her husband advised her to relocate more permanently to Provo, Utah, under an assumed identity. That night, Mary Lois recorded, “Awoak about 2. oclock spent the rest of the night in thinking and contemplating my Journey. Strange times these when a person is not safe night or day from burglars Deputies.”⁹⁹ Her departure from Salt Lake City a few days later seems to have been to avoid both testifying in court and the continued appearance of living in polygamy. She stayed in Provo off and on for the next six months, spending several weeks

96. April 14, 1885.

97. The more than fourteen hundred prosecutions for polygamy and illegal cohabitation between 1882 and 1896 were “heavily concentrated in the years 1886 to 1889—only one indictment each was handed down in 1882, 1883, and 1884” (Gordon, *The Mormon Question*, 157). See also Alexander, “Charles S. Zane,” 296–301.

98. James, “‘Between Two Fires’: Women on the ‘Underground’ of Mormon Polygamy,” 51.

99. March 25, 1885; December 26, 1885; February 13, 1886.

there in December 1885 before returning to Salt Lake and then relocating again to Provo in mid-February 1886, where she remained until May 1886. While in hiding, she wore veils and did not acknowledge friends or even her own children when she saw them on the street.

Toward the end of this time, on April 12, 1886, a grand jury convened in the Third District Court to hear her husband's case, *United States of America v. Elias Morris*. The grand jury issued an indictment on April 19 accusing Elias Morris of unlawful cohabitation between the dates of May 1, 1883, and December 31, 1885, and authorizing a warrant for his arrest. On April 22, Elias was apprehended by U.S. Marshal E. A. Ireland and placed under a \$15,000 bond, which was cosigned by prominent businessmen William S. Godbe and John C. Cutler.¹⁰⁰

In the next two weeks, Mary Lois moved from home to home in Provo, fearful that she would be subpoenaed to testify in her husband's case. She was not discovered, and only Elias and his first wife testified before the grand jury. For unknown reasons, her husband's trial was then delayed for over a year. As a result, on May 1, 1886, Mary Lois was able to emerge from hiding, writing in her diary that she had been introduced at a wedding that night by her true name, "haveing got through with underground business for the pesant, and it seems ever so good."¹⁰¹

Mary Lois felt besieged not just for herself but for her community as a whole. While she had noted the imprisonment of a few prominent Mormon men and a woman in earlier years, in 1885 she began to record frequently the arrests and imprisonment of men in the territory who practiced plural marriage.¹⁰² She did not know how to spell "subpoenaed" the first time she used the word in her diary, but by April 1886 she could spell it correctly, having written it a number of times. She depicted imprisonment for plural marriage as a black and white issue: the Mormon men were arrested for "truth's sake," and those arresting them were "villains." Her entries mentioned arrests in terms such as "two more of our

100. United States District, District of Utah, Papers and Files in Case No. 84, *United States of America v. Elias Morris*, case 1499, RG 21, National Archives. The warrant, which is signed by Judge Zane, empowered the U.S. Marshal to arrest Elias Morris, "in the nighttime if necessary."

101. May 1, 1886.

102. Mary Lois began to note such trials in the mid-1880s and wrote about them especially frequently in 1886 and 1887. Her record corresponded with the sharply increased number of prosecutions between 1886 and 1889. While she mentioned the arrests of church leaders, many of the men whose arrests she noted were relatively unknown members of the LDS church. According to legal historian Sarah Barringer Gordon, "[m]ost prosecutions were of less notorious polygamists. That population was both more vulnerable, because it was less able to call upon the machinery of the church and the Underground and more likely to be distressed by serving time in prison and fees." Gordon, *The Mormon Question*, 157–60.

brethren were sent to prison for Keeping the commandments of God” or the “following brethren were taken to the Penitentiary to day for preferring to serve God rather than man.”¹⁰³ As her diary entries were often short, her frequent mention of the trials and sentences of these men indicates how much their imprisonment affected her.¹⁰⁴

Mary Lois questioned what the world was coming to when upstanding men were sent to jail. No doubt her interest in the matter was personal to some degree, and her frequent ventures into hiding seem to demonstrate her fear of prosecution of her own family. Her comment, “It is hard to tell what Will happen to us as a people, or a family,” indicates that she viewed what happened to the Mormon “people” and to her own family as integrally related. In spite of any fear she may have felt, she reaffirmed her belief that the crusade against polygamy would end well: “Felt that the result of the present Crusade would be so good that the faithful would wish there had ~~would~~ been more of it.”¹⁰⁵

The Trial

In the first decades of polygamy, the outside world largely portrayed Mormon women such as Mary Lois as innocent victims. But when these women continued to support the Mormon patriarchy after receiving the right to vote, antipolygamists began to view women as part of the problem. Indeed, Mormon wives were often complicit in helping their husbands resist arrest. Many women went into hiding, as Mary Lois had, to avoid testifying against their husbands. When forced to testify, they sometimes committed perjury, stating that they could not remember if their husbands had multiple wives or the last times they had seen their husbands. Such extralegal tactics often succeeded in undermining the government’s cases against suspected polygamists.¹⁰⁶

103. November 28, 1885; March 1, 1886.

104. Mary Lois mentioned, for instance, when Rudger Clawson’s wife went to visit her husband at the penitentiary. Mary Lois was also particularly interested in the trials and imprisonment of the prominent Cannon brothers, as her daughter Addie had married a son of Angus M. Cannon. See Rudger Clawson, *Prisoner for Polygamy: The Memoirs and Letters of Rudger Clawson at the Utah Territorial Penitentiary, 1884–1887*; W. C. Seifrit, “The Prison Experience of Abraham H. Cannon”; Davis Bitton, *George Q. Cannon: A Biography*.

105. April 1, 1886; October 31, 1885.

106. In a few cases, Mormon women were prosecuted for perjury. In 1887, for example, Marantha Loveridge was charged with perjury after testifying “at her father’s trial for unlawful cohabitation that she could not remember ever meeting his other wife and had never heard it reported in the family that he had another wife.” Sarah Barringer Gordon explains, “Several cases involved attempts by wives to exonerate their husbands by claiming that the illegal act at issue (either a marriage ceremony or unlawful

Mary Lois and Mary Parry Morris both followed this pattern of deceit when they testified on September 26, 1887, in their husband's case, *United States of America v. Elias Morris*. Over a year before, the court had put Morris under bonds to appear in the case, which charged him with illegal cohabitation between May 1, 1883, and December 31, 1885.¹⁰⁷ Mary Lois was one of the first witnesses, according to accounts in the *Deseret Evening News* and the *Salt Lake Daily Tribune*. She recalled, "After swearing to what I had been instructed, I stuck to my text. One thing to which I had to testify was, that defendant and I had not lived together for such a number of years." According to the newspaper accounts of the case, the "text" to which Mary Lois testified before the court was that she was "not now married" and had ceased living with Morris "as his wife about the last of December, 1882, or the first of January, 1883." At this time, she claimed to have "proposed to him that he live separate to save him from any trouble; he had been very kind to me, as I was his brother's wife."¹⁰⁸ As the charge was that they were living together from May 1883 to December 1885, she provided a margin of four months against his liability for cohabitation with her.

Mary Lois then responded to questions from the prosecution, explaining, "the proposition was that he should not live with me at all, as I did not want him to suffer on my account; he made no answer; the conversation was in my own house; he may have been in my house since, perhaps once or twice. . . . [H]e did not recognize me as his wife during 1883 and 1884; it is a very painful position to me. . . . [H]e used to live about half the time with me."¹⁰⁹ As she answered this question, it reportedly "grieved her much to talk about the separation," and she shed "a few tears."¹¹⁰

The next witness, Mary Parry Morris, testified to this agreement as well and stated that her husband "has not been to her [Mary Lois's] house since then. . . . I do not remember the last time he took her out." When further questioned, she said that she did not know why she had not mentioned this agreement when brought before a grand jury a year and a half earlier in April 1886; she said that she must not have thought of it. Several of Mary Parry's children and a servant testified as well. They seem to have all stuck to the same story except John Morris, one of Mary Parry's children, who first testified that it was about a year since Mary

cohabitation) had occurred more than three years before the initiation of prosecution, and thus was barred by the statute of limitations." *The Mormon Question*, 162–64. For more about Mormons' use of "nontruths" during the campaign against Mormon polygamy, see Hardy, appendix I, "Lying for the Lord: An Essay," 368–75.

107. *United States of America v. Elias Morris*.

108. Memoir 239–40; pp. 200–201. *Deseret Evening News*, September 26, 1887; *Salt Lake Daily Tribune*, September 27, 1887.

109. *Deseret Evening News*, September 26, 1887.

110. *Salt Lake Daily Tribune*, September 27, 1887.

Lois and Elias Morris separated, but, when crossexamined, he changed his story and said that it was more than a year ago.

When the court reassembled at two o'clock, the jury retired to discuss the case; and after forty-five minutes they returned to the court and announced that they had found Elias Morris "not guilty" of the charge of unlawful cohabitation.¹¹¹ Mary Lois recalled, "One of the first to offer congratulations was Governor Murray, himself. I received my witness fee, and went on my way rejoicing. Not, however, without some unpleasant feelings. The thought of being dishonored as a wife, after a marriage of thirty years or more, was neither comforting or flattering. . . . I was free, at the expense of being separated from my husband!"¹¹²

As Mary Lois makes clear in her diary, it was on April 14, 1885, that Elias Morris stopped living with her, not the beginning of 1883 as she testified in court. And it was he, not she, who proposed to "absent" himself from her and her family. She testified as she did to prevent her husband from going to jail, just as many other LDS women did at the time, and her and Mary Parry's testimonies may have helped acquit him. However, Elias Morris's prominent position in the community and his involvement in the mining industry with influential non-Mormons most likely worked in his favor as well. The congratulations of non-Mormon governor Eli H. Murray after the trial seems to bear evidence of this.

During the three months after the trial, Mary Lois did not record seeing her husband in her diary. Yet she continued to write positively of him in her diary and to unabashedly support the institution of polygamy. On the last day of December 1887, when called upon to speak in ward meeting, she praised her husband for his kindness in beginning a tradition in which provisions were given to the poor each Christmas and then "spoke in favour of plural Marraige."¹¹³

Death of Husband

Although publicly separated from Elias Morris after the 1887 court trial, Mary Lois still saw him on infrequent occasions. She evidently felt some awkwardness on the rare instances after their separation when she went to the home he shared with Mary Parry. She had not planned to attend his sixtieth birthday party on June 30, 1888 until her husband's daughter invited her: "Barabara Swan came over to intreat me to come over and Join the party, as her Father could not enjoy himself unless we were

111. *Deseret Evening News*, September 26, 1887; *Salt Lake Daily Tribune*, September 27, 1887.

112. Memoir 240; p. 201.

113. December 31, 1887.

there.” Mary Lois then noted, “I humbled myself to go over,” indicating her discomfort.¹¹⁴

On March 14, 1898, at the age of seventy-two, Elias accidentally fell down the open entrance of an elevator shaft. After his fall, a carriage conveyed him to his home, where for the next few days he hovered between life and death. Mary Lois wrote that she visited him “occasionally” during this time but was “careful not to obtrude, or be in the way of anyone who wished to be near him.”¹¹⁵

On March 17, she went over early to see how he was faring and found him in “his last death struggle.” About ten o’clock, Elias Morris died; and Mary Lois returned to her own home, mourning “the good man, my benefactor, with whom I had passed the greater part of my life.” Shortly after Elias’s death, Mary Lois wrote a poem in tribute to her partner of so many years. In the poem she does not mention his role as a husband, instead writing, “How can I paint the picture, or the merits speak / Of this good man? The father, brother, friend.” She then wrote, after not having lived with him for over ten years: “Most faithfully he trod / In duty’s path, though steep, / Holding the Iron Rod / Till life’s sands were complete.” As her marriage had been founded in duty and obedience so were these the qualities that she stressed when she chose to honor her husband at the end of his life. Finally, she expressed what she saw as the reward for this faithfulness: “There comes an end to toil / Where waits a brilliant crown.”¹¹⁶ Although Mary Lois desperately did not want to marry Elias and viewed him as only a temporary replacement for her first husband, she mourned his death.

Later Life

Mary Lois continued to keep a diary until six months before her death in 1919. After 1887, when the entries included here end, she continued her church work, serving as Fifteenth Ward primary president from 1884 until 1896 and as a counselor in the Salt Lake Stake primary presidency from 1896 to 1901.¹¹⁷

As the nineteenth century ended and the twentieth century began, Mary Lois continued to document changes both in her life and in Utah. A major shift occurred in 1890 when LDS president Wilford Woodruff issued the Manifesto, which officially ended the church’s

114. June 30, 1888.

115. Memoir 265–67.

116. Memoir 271–73.

117. Mary Lois’s release from the Stake Primary Presidency was recorded in the *Woman’s Exponent* 29 (May 25, 1901), 104.



Courtesy of the Ashton Family Organization

Mary Lois and her five children. Back row, left to right: Marian Adelaide Morris Cannon, Effie Morris Ashton, Katherine Vaughan Morris Cannon. Front row, left to right: George Q. Morris, Mary Lois Walker Morris, Nephi Lowell Morris.

practice of polygamy.¹¹⁸ While Mary Lois made no comment in her diary on the announcement of the Manifesto, her observations about her children's marriages provide a microcosmic view of the experiences of LDS church members as a whole at this time. Edward T. Ashton, husband of her oldest daughter, Effie, had a second wife whom he had married in 1883, five years after his first marriage to Effie.¹¹⁹ In contrast, Mary Lois's sons were much younger than her older daughters and were still unmarried at the time of the Manifesto. When they did marry, in 1905 and 1907, respectively, George and Nephi contracted monogamous marriages.¹²⁰

The ending of polygamy by the LDS church was not simple for many Mormons. The Morris family's experience demonstrates this. Mary Lois's daughter Addie was in a monogamous marriage to George M. Cannon in 1890. Her youngest daughter, Kate, had not yet married and lived at home. Because some Mormons remained unconvinced that polygamy had truly ended, the Manifesto did not eliminate the possibility of plural marriage for Mary Lois's daughters. Despite the LDS church's official announcement ending polygamy in 1890, Addie's husband, George M. Cannon, married two plural wives in 1901, one of whom was Kate.¹²¹ According to family lore, Addie did not learn about her husband's plural marriages until after the weddings and was so upset "when she found out that he had married her sister she tore her hair out by the roots. She was just horrified."¹²²

Though she came of age after the Manifesto, Kate chose a plural rather than a monogamous marriage. When she made this decision, she

118. President Wilford Woodruff issued the Manifesto on September 25, 1890, announcing that the LDS church would submit to the laws of the land and no longer practice plural marriage. After 1890, fewer families were openly polygamous, and those that were found themselves eventually pushed to the margins of Utah society. For the impact of the Manifesto on the practice of polygamy in Utah, see Daynes, *More Wives Than One*, 173–87. For more background into the issuing of the Manifesto, see Thomas G. Alexander, *Things in Heaven and Earth: The Life and Times of Wilford Woodruff, a Mormon Prophet*, 261–87. Alexander examines the changes in the LDS church after the Manifesto in *Mormonism in Transition: A History of the Latter-Day Saints, 1890–1930*.

119. After being counseled by LDS church leaders to enter into polygamy, Edward Treharne Ashton married Cora May Lindsay as his second wife. He had married Effie Walker Morris in 1878. *The Edward Ashton and Jane Treharne Ashton Legacy of Faith*, 30–32 (hereinafter cited as EALF).

120. George Quayle Morris married Emily Marion Ramsey. Nephi Lowell Morris married Harriet Young.

121. As previously noted, George Mousley Cannon married Marian Adelaide (Addie) Morris in 1884. Seventeen years later, he married Addie's younger sister, Katherine Vaughan Morris, and Ellen Christina Steffensen.

122. Gabrielle Woods, interview by author, February 15, 2003. Gabrielle Woods is the daughter of Mary Lois's youngest son, George Q. Morris.



Courtesy of Ashton Family Organization

*Mary Lois and descendants at a family reunion, about 1916.
 Back row, left to right: Lois Cannon, an unidentified woman,
 Marvin O. Ashton, Aston Grace Ashton?, Edward M. Ashton,
 Joe Kjar, Raymond Ashton, unidentified baby, Winnie Richards
 Ashton, Effie Ashton Kjar. Third row, left to right: Morris Badger
 Ashton, two unidentified children, Nephi L. Morris, Marian
 Adelaide Morris Cannon, Effie Walker Morris Ashton,
 George Q. Morris, (the rest of the row is unidentified).
 Second row: Mary Lois Walker Morris is fourth from
 the left, Katherine Vaughn Morris Cannon is fifth from
 the left, Emma Ramsey Morris is on the far right
 with Helen Ramsey Morris is her lap. Front row:
 Marion Ramsey Morris Wood is second from the right, and
 Margery Ramsey Morris Woods (also known as Gabrielle
 Woods) is on the far right.*

had completed the teaching program at the University of Utah and was working as a kindergarten teacher in the Salt Lake area. Although Mary Lois does not mention Kate's marriage in her diary at the time of its occurrence, she seems to have encouraged Kate's post-Manifesto polygamous marriage. According to an oral interview with Kate's daughter, Katherine Morris Cannon Thomas, Mary Lois "persuaded her [Kate] to go into polygamy." Thomas also recalled that when Nephi and George found out that Kate "had gone into polygamy or was going into it[,] [t]hey were very much upset because they knew what lay ahead in the way of criticism. The Manifesto had been issued and here eleven years later she was going into it."¹²³ Kate's choice to become a polygamist wife and the opposition of her brothers Nephi and George seem to show that differences in attitudes toward polygamy were not always along generational lines.

Mary Lois's daughter Kate was not alone in entering into a polygamous marriage after the Manifesto. During the 1890s and early 1900s, certain members of the LDS church disregarded the church's proclamation, often because they viewed Wilford Woodruff's Manifesto as a political necessity rather than a doctrinal shift. For this reason, the LDS church issued a Second Manifesto in 1904, which led to stricter enforcement of the church's new policy.¹²⁴ Meanwhile, Mormons congregated in colonies in Mexico, where they were free to continue to practice plural marriage. In 1902, Mary Lois accompanied Kate and her two-month-old granddaughter, Katherine Morris Cannon, into exile in the Colonia Juarez, Mexico, colony. Mary Lois wrote of her decision to go with her daughter: "About this time I was advised, if able, to go into exile with my daughter. This I was willing to do and would have gone to prison also, rather than betray my brethren or bear witness against them. . . . I did not know whether I should ever see my home or my children again. Anything rather than betray my brethren."¹²⁵ Mary Lois and Kate would remain in Mexico for two and a half years, from December 1902 to May 1905.

During her time in Mexico, Mary Lois learned Spanish and took a class on the Doctrine and Covenants, an LDS book of scripture, at the local LDS school. Her poetry flourished in the dry Mexican desert as she described her surroundings in a number of poems. While in Colonia Juarez, she also wrote part of her memoir which she had begun in 1901 and would continue to work on for the next fourteen years of her life.¹²⁶

123. Katherine Cannon Thomas, interview by Leonard Grover, March 25, 1980, transcript, pp.12–13, LDS Polygamy Oral History Project, Charles Redd Center for Western Studies, Brigham Young University, Provo, Utah.

124. Alexander, *Mormonism in Transition*, 64–65, 72–73.

125. Memoir 342; p. 534.

126. Memoir 463.



Photo by author

*Mary Lois Morris's gravestone
in the City Cemetery in
Salt Lake City.*

Mary Lois's time in Mexico was not all happy, however. She and her daughter Kate struggled at times to keep their spirits up. This was especially difficult when, a year after their arrival in Mexico, Kate gave birth to twin daughters, who both died within three days of their birth. Mary Lois and Kate both also suffered from illness. As a result of Mary Lois's failing health, they both returned to Utah in May 1905.

During the next years, Mary Lois's life remained intimately tied to her children and grandchildren. She watched and aided them in their successes and failures, taking on the position of the "grand dame" of the family in her signature black dress with a touch of white lace at her throat.¹²⁷ Her oldest son, Nephi, who took over his father's company after Elias Morris's death, had become president of the Salt Lake Stake during her absence in Mexico. In this position, which he held from 1904 to 1929, he oversaw many of the LDS congregations in the Salt Lake Valley. He also served on the State Industrial Commission and was president of the Salt Lake Board of Education.¹²⁸ A member of the state legislature, he ran for governor of Utah twice—on the Progressive ticket in 1912 and on the

127. Woods, interview.

128. Lynn M. Hilton, ed., *The Story of Salt Lake Stake of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*, 179–83.

Republican ticket in 1916—but lost both elections.¹²⁹ George Q. Morris, his younger brother, also worked at Morris & Sons, becoming president and general manager. He served as general superintendent of the LDS church's Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association from 1937 to 1948 and as president of the Eastern States Mission from 1948 to 1952. He became an assistant to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles in October 1951 and one of the twelve apostles of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on April 8, 1954, a position he held until his death in 1962.¹³⁰

Mary Lois's daughter Effie served as Relief Society president of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from March 1908 to December 1916 and was the grandmother of LDS apostle Marvin J. Ashton. Her daughter Addie lived in a spacious home in Forest Dale, a suburban Salt Lake City refuge for plural families, where she was the Relief Society president of the Forest Dale Ward for seventeen years.¹³¹ Kate, however, had to remain in hiding, living on a farm in Ogden and taking the name of "Mrs. Jenson." Her husband George M. Cannon took the train from Salt Lake City to visit her every Thursday evening, leaving again early Friday morning. According to family tradition, George M. Cannon's political career in the Utah Senate came to an abrupt halt as a result of his plural marriages, although he continued to serve as county recorder.¹³²

Mary Lois's attitude toward Kate's marriage seems to be an accurate measure of how she herself felt about polygamy after the issuance of the Manifesto. Around 1911, she explained her feelings about Kate's marriage in her memoir:

Some time previous to this, your sister Kate had decided to keep one of the laws of God which the world, with the enemy of souls at the bottom of it, has been fighting for the last Seventy years. And I will here bear this testimony, if I never bear it again, that God has sent to earth through this principle some of the noblest spirits that ever left their Father's courts above. And so much faith have I in this Celestial order of marriage that I would go to the ends of the earth to sustain it, although I am verging onto my Seventy-seventh year. The way is thorny and the path is steep. I have trodden it before them,

129. AJ, 1:639–40; Noble Warrum, ed., *Utah Since Statehood: Historical and Biographical*, 1:163–64, 177–78.

130. Lawrence R. Flake, *Prophets and Apostles of the Last Dispensation*, 501–3; "George Q. Morris of the Council of the Twelve," *Improvement Era*, May 1954, 294, 364; T. Earl Pardoe, *The Sons of Brigham*, 152–55.

131. EALF, 35; "Obituary of Marian A. Morris Cannon," *Daughters of Utah Pioneers Obituary Scrapbook*.

132. Thomas, interview, 3–4; Woods, interview.

and I hope that my children will have the courage and integrity to walk therein.¹³³

As a young child, Mary Lois's granddaughter Gabrielle Woods received a similar impression of Mary Lois's attitude toward polygamy, recalling, "I don't think Mary Lois liked polygamy, but she felt it was God's will. She didn't want to marry Elias, but she felt she had to."¹³⁴ After a life of sacrifice and civil disobedience for polygamy, it would have no doubt been difficult for Mary Lois to renounce the principle. In a way, to do so would have been to denounce the worth of the decisions of her life.

During her last years, Mary Lois continued to write her memoir and faithfully wrote in her journal. Her children collected the poetry she had written over the years and published it in a book in 1918.¹³⁵ In the last month she wrote in her diaries, April 1919, Mary Lois twice recorded knitting for the Red Cross to aid the Allied soldiers in World War I. Her second-to-last entry showed her continued interest in learning, as she wrote, "I have been reading for a week perhaps an account of the Ex Kaiser where he declares that he would rather kill himself rather than be tried for misconduct." The next day, April 17, 1919, she penned her last entry, writing of a funeral she had attended that day and ending it with "have been working in my room."¹³⁶ Six months later, she died of heart trouble shortly before midnight on November 29, 1919, at the age of 84.¹³⁷ She was buried on the opposite side of the Salt Lake City Cemetery from Elias Morris and Mary Parry Morris.

Mary Lois left behind an extraordinary wealth of writing about her life. In her memoir, she seemed to sense that she had lived through times of great change, and with the flare of a natural storyteller, she recounted moments of great drama, sadness, and joy. While more mundane, the activities she recorded in her diaries clearly provided her with a sense of accomplishment and of completion as she set their details to paper. Her faithful journal writing and the massive fifteen-year task of writing her memoir bear witness that she felt her life in some small way had been significant and was worth recording for future generations.¹³⁸

133. Memoir 338–39.

134. Woods, interview.

135. Morris, *A Few Thoughts of Mary L. Morris: Dedicated to Her Children*.

136. April 16, 1919; April 17, 1919.

137. Kate B. Carter, comp., "Mary Lois Walker Morris," in *Treasures of Pioneer History*, 3:42. See also "Pioneer Woman Closes Career: Mrs. Morris' Funeral Tuesday," *Deseret Evening News*, December 1, 1919; Death Certificate for Mary Lois Morris.

138. Memoir 1; p. 53.

MEMOIR



Courtesy of Ronald Dennis

Mary Lois Morris

They had no family, they were respectable people. Their birth was opposite the kitchen-way.

I used to associate, also, with the Welsh people, some especially a Miss Brothers. I liked her because she was quite gentle and modest. She was about fifteen years older than I.

I have now a little girl on ship-board who often said because she mother of Bishop Seddon of the 4th Ward, Salt Lake City.

Write on Ship board.

You will understand that we would not be able to travel as first class, but went as steerage passengers, like the rest of our company. This necessitated the buying in of supplies such as bread, butter, potatoes, butter, sugar, rice, &c. and so on, not forgetting sea-biscuits, or hard tack as it is sometimes called by Americans. The latter was roughly made.

I remember how it made the miracle of my feet when we were up to my ankles in water, to make it so. This was our principal diet and had to be used in account of the length of the journey as ^{many} ~~that~~ light food.

You will understand, also, that the supply of fresh water was necessarily limited since enough had to be taken to last for so long a time. Therefore it was necessary

out, perhaps as little as a pint of water for each person. I must not forget to mention that all of which we were compelled to do ourselves. Sometimes we had to travel when cooking such things as rice or beans which took up so much water, sometimes we would not have sufficient to finish cooking them properly.

The cooking was done on a short-iron stove about the size of an ordinary kitchen table in a small room about the size of a very little larger than a pantry. Many would be looking at the same time and people would have to stand and watch their own things while cooking, but some one could in part their back and put their own in the better place.

The ship furnished a cook to superintend matters such as fires, and the people in general. Father had learned to cook when a boy at home with his mother, and considering the galleys where the cooking was done, an unfit place for women, he did all our cooking himself. The only way of going to and from the galley was by means of a large slip ladder. You can imagine the difficulty of carrying this hot food from the galley down the ladder to the one little stove in the stowage.

A page from Mary Lois's handwritten draft of her memoir in which she described her journey aboard a ship to America in 1850.

1835–1887

Sketch Of The Life Of Mary L. Morris

Preface

My dear Children and Grandchildren:—

In presenting these few collected thoughts, in the form of a sketch of my humble life as I have tried to live it, I do not claim for them any literary merit, or poetic fire:—but I do claim for them the dignity of truth and correct principles.

After having tried to mould my life according to the principles of the Gospel and the commandments of God, I can assure you, my precious children, in all soberness, that if you will seek to serve your God in all things He will surely bring you off conquerors.

Mary L. Morris.

Salt Lake City, Utah.

October 27, 1901.

A Sketch of My Life

Agreeable to the request of my children, I have endeavored to write this simple sketch of my life, and present the same, hoping it will prove acceptable, and of some profit to them in climbing the rugged path of life.

My Father's Family

Grandfather Walker

My paternal grandfather, James Walker, was born May 22, 1774, and I suppose, in the town of Leek, Staffordshire, England. I saw him for the first time when I was fourteen years old, in which year my mother and I returned to my native town of Leek to reside. He was small of stature and although quite aged, and unable to perform any manual labor and walked with a cane, he was still quite erect. He had keen dark eyes, refined

features and white hair. I remember mother having said that he fought in the battle of Waterloo. He was a cabinet maker by trade.

Grandmother Walker

I cannot say that I ever saw my Grandmother [Elizabeth Gibson] Walker but I am under the impression that she was a large woman. My father, who was not a man given to boasting, told my sister, Ann Agatha, that his mother was the finest looking woman in Leek. Her maiden name was Gibson; I think Elizabeth.

Uncle Charles Walker

My Uncle Charles Walker was born May 4th, 1797. He was advanced in years when I saw him, but I very well remember his appearance. He, like my Grandfather, was small of stature, had large, expressive, dark eyes, pleasant deportment, and I think was of a kind and affectionate nature, and very devout. His first marriage was childless. Our Aunt Maria died when she and Uncle Charles were quite in years. In due time he married again and sent us a photograph of our new Aunt, who was neatly and handsomely dressed and appeared to be a very nice person. He made this remark in writing to my sister of his second marriage, "I trust it is of the Lord". He presented each of us with a New Testament just before we embarked for America. I know my mother said he was employed as book-keeper or manager, in a certain silk warehouse for 30 years. I remember his calling upon us while we lived in Manchester and how embarrassed my sister Agatha was when he took her upon his lap; she being quite a large girl at the time;—almost a young woman, in fact. Peace to his ashes!

Uncle Peter Walker and Family

My father's other brother, Uncle Peter Walker, was born May 24, 1813 and died July 10, 1861. I remember seeing him but once, the year we stayed in Leek, immediately before our departure for America. He seemed to be a larger man than my Uncle Charles. He invited mother and me over to tea one Sunday afternoon. I do not remember much about his wife as she only came into the room once during the afternoon. I suppose she was engaged about the tea, but my cousin James I remember very well, as he and I sat upon the sofa while our parents talked. I think he must have been about my own age,—in his early teens. He afterwards emigrated to America and settled in Ohio. He sent his photograph to my brother Charles and for some years carried on a correspondence with him, but saw nothing in the Gospel. He was a fine looking man in appearance.

Aunt Eliza

Aunt Eliza Harley, or Arley, the oldest of Father's sisters was small of

stature and had large dark eyes. She was a very good housekeeper. Her husband, Uncle Edward, was a very quiet, unassuming man. He was a good mechanic. They were in comfortable circumstances but had no children, at least, when I knew them.

Aunt Kate

Aunt Kate Hazelwood [Cate Walker Heywood], father's youngest sister, was a woman of good height and gentle in her manners. Her husband, Joseph Hazelwood was a religious zealot.

Aunt Lucy

Aunt Lucy, another of father's three sisters, was a cripple and died in childhood.

My Mother's Family

My mother's grandparents, Josiah and Hannah Booth, reared my mother. They, having buried a child about the same age as she, asked her parents to let her stay with them. I remember mother saying her grandfather Booth was the Town Cryer. This city office was more common during the early part of the last century than it is now, but I remember as late as the '60s hearing the Town Cryer in Salt Lake City going along the streets at night ringing a large bell as he shouted the heart-rending words "Lost Child, Lost Child." When my great grandfather would go along the streets ringing his huge bell and delivering his important message, the children in the street would say ;—"Here comes "Sia Booth with his ding dong."

A Mr. Wombwell, who was the greatest show-man in England at the time, set up his tents in my great grandfather's grounds. Mr. Wombwell was in England what Mr. Barnum was in America and it was humorously said of him that he had the largest family in England,—meaning his animals. In speaking of her grandfather, mother said that when his children did not walk erect, he would remark "What ar't looking for? Pins? I look for swallows."

I remember hearing mother repeat a few words of a letter written by her grandfather to his son, they were:—"My lad I should be glad if thou couldst come over and bring those steps with thee that thou brought from Dover." Steps were something used in the manufacture of silk. Mother said that he used often say, "I wouldn't give a fig for a man that couldn't find some fault where there is none."

My great-grandmother, Hannah Booth, was a Welsh woman. In that day they used the "thee" and "thou" as the Quakers do.

Grandfather and Grandmother Godwin

My Grandfather [William] Godwin was born in Warwickshire, England. He married Hannah Booth [Godwin], daughter of Josiah and Hannah Booth. To them were born a daughter, Mary [Godwin], and two sons, Samuel [Godwin] and Joseph [Godwin].

My Grandfather and Grandmother Godwin were highly moral and very devotional and desired to bring up their children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

I remember mother saying she had seen her father coaxing her youngest brother to walk across the floor by offering him some cakes.

When my grandfather Godwin was upon his death bed and too weak to speak he clasped my grandmothers hand and pressed the finger bearing her wedding ring. By this she understood that he wished her never to marry again. She kept her marriage vow sacred in her widowhood as she had done in her married life and so reared her three children in the purity of devotional widowhood.

Father

My father, William Gibson Walker, was the eldest child of James Walker and Elizabeth Walker. I remember hearing little or nothing of his early life, except that, being the eldest of the children, he was quite useful in helping his mother about the house.

When he was about 27 years old he married my mother, Mary Godwin, and to them were born four children, as follows;—Ann Agatha [Walker], Dorcas [Walker], Charles Lowell [Walker], and Mary Lois.

My father was about medium height and constitutionally healthy. He had black hair, dark eyes, large high forehead, well marked arched eyebrows, a somewhat nondescript nose, rather thick lips, white regular, sound teeth and very shapely hands and feet. His chin was as nearly like that of Henry Ward Beecher as one can be like another.

Father was naturally religious and intellectual and was fond of books. These he took great care of and often repaired them very neatly himself. I remember when only six years old hearing him repeat passages from works of elocution. He was quite original and had a strong vein of wit and humor in his character. He had a very effective way of humiliating the proud and ostentatious but loved to help those in distress.

Father was a natural teacher and earned a living in this way and also by book-keeping, altho he had learned the ribbon weaving trade when a young man. While working at this trade, in lifting something he sustained an internal injury which necessitated his following such occupations as would not tax his physical strength so much. He was also quite handy with

carpenters tools.

He was a local preacher when a young man, and a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church. I am told by my friend, Mrs. John Druce of Salt Lake City, that father afterwards joined the Congregational Church and that it was at the Sunday School of this Church that they met and father asked her if she had heard of the "Golden Bible", for such was the Book of Mormon called out in the world in the early forties. She also told me that he remained and helped them in the Sunday School after he had joined the Mormon Church.

Perhaps I may be pardoned for saying that those who had father's help in the Sunday School were fortunate, for he was a natural teacher, a good theologian, and had some knowledge of Latin and Greek.

He was engaged to teach an Infant School for a religious sect called the "Independents".

The following incidents will serve to show my father's method of correcting and teaching his children. These lessons I think I shall never forget:—

A Lesson

When I was about six years old I had told a falsehood, altho I have no idea now what it was about. Father took me upstairs to mother's bedroom and there, in a very serious and impressive way, he simply asked me this question; "Is it right or wrong to tell a lie?" Being alone with my father, face to face with him, and I in error, I was very much abashed, and it seemed a long time before I could gain sufficient courage to answer him. He asked me the question repeatedly and at length I told him "it was wrong". That was all there was about it, there was no scolding or whipping. I had answered his question, had decided myself what was right, and was at liberty to go down stairs, taking with me my life long lesson.

Another Lesson in Later Life

Upon one occasion, during the summer of 1851, while conversing with my father upon a very important subject, he made this remark;—"The Lord has said, 'Those who honor Me I will honor'. This I have proven to be verily true in my life's experience, and will add, that, when God honors us we need fear no man or set of men.

Father wrote very rapidly, and perhaps, somewhat illegibly, for mother has told me that his father once said when father was leaving Leek:—"If our Will writes to us, he must come and read it himself!" He made his own pens from quills. More will be found of my father's life at the end of this sketch.

My Mother Mary Godwin

As before stated, my mother was reared by her grandparents, Josiah and Hannah Booth.

She read the newspaper for her grandparents when only five years old. She used to tell us that she was allowed to wash the coffee pot when she was a very little child, because her hand was small and was taught to sweep the stairs too when she was quite young in order to learn how to sweep.

During the time that my mother stayed with her grandparents, there were two French noblemen lodging with them. These gentlemen were prisoners of war, and, from them she learned to speak, read and write the French language while yet in her childhood. So correctly did she speak this language, that two Frenchmen with whom she once had a conversation, could hardly be convinced that she was not a French woman.

One of these noblemen, whose name was "de Villiers" had his own fun teasing the family about their religion, saying,—“You pray God to bless you, and then you throw stones at the others.”

At a proper age mother learned the Milliner's business and in this, as in everything else that she did, it was her pride or ambition not to be excelled by anyone. By working at her trade she was enabled to assist her widowed mother in giving her two brothers their education and trade, Samuel becoming a book-keeper and Joseph being apprenticed to a butcher. It was customary then, as now, for everybody to learn some trade, generally serving an apprenticeship of seven years. When our mother, Miss Mary Godwin was about twenty-seven years old she married our father, William Gibson Walker.

She was rather below medium height, and although inclined to be corpulent was very shapely, had a full chest, drooping shoulders, small hands and feet, arms white and dimpled like a baby's. Her complexion was fair and ruddy, hair brown, always parted in the center and combed smoothly down to the ears; high broad forehead; pensive grey eyes that seemed to look far into the future. Her nose was rather large and dignified her mouth small with rather thin lips.

Her manner was quiet, modest and unassuming, grave but affable and generous. She was highly intellectual, very devotional, with unbounded trust in her Maker and of unswerving integrity. Father said of her “If she had been a man she would have been a master mechanic.” She had a constant thirst for knowledge, and while many people would have been engaged in gossip and light talk she was delving into some philosophical subject or valuable historical work. She could converse on almost any topic and had the happy faculty of adapting herself to the most humble and unlearned. She always sympathized deeply with the poor and afflicted. Nothing could exceed her patience fortitude and

indomitable perseverance. I have thought sometimes, in looking over mother's life, that she was patient to a fault, and then, I have concluded that she needed all of that great quality which Heaven had endowed her with.

The relation of a little incident on landing in America will serve to show what a fund of information she possessed. It was a warm day in May and we had just landed at the St. Louis Levee, on the Missouri river, dressed suitably for the more temperate climate of England, but rather too warmly clad for a May day in St. Louis. The heat seemed almost oppressive to us as we walked up from the Levee. A glib-tongued Irish drayman saw us approaching and as we drew near he accosted mother and said "Sure, Mum, and you'r not long from the Auld Counthry!" She, with injured dignity at the man's audacity, turned and remarked to me, a girl at her side, as we passed along, "If they (meaning the Americans) are not English, they may take their father's blanket." meaning, that if they were not of European descent they must be Indians. I have thought many times, during the fifty-two years that have passed since that, how much ground those few words covered.

A few days later an intelligent Irishman, with whom she had been conversing in a neighbors house, made this remark of her after she had left;—"If most people knew what that lady has forgotten they would be fortunate."

The following July, as we heard the constant booming of cannon in celebration of the national holiday she said that all that firing was against the English.

Some of Mother's Familiar Quotations and Sayings

Here are some of mother's familiar quotations and sayings as she would repeat them to us in her daily walk and conversation. When passing through severe trial she would say, and we knew the words came from the bottom of her big heart:—"And though He should slay me, yet will I trust in Him."—Job 13-15.

"Let thy neighbour live quietly by thee."

"Suffer wrong rather than do wrong".

"Do not lie by your actions."

"Let your conversation be such as becometh angels."

"Thou shalt not kill."

"Thou shalt not steal."

"Thou shalt not commit adultery."

"Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour."

"Thou shalt not covet."

"Whatever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

"Blessed is he, who, when his Lord cometh, is found watching."

She taught us, when working for others, not to do so with eye-service, as men pleasers, but as unto God.

In regard to intoxicants she would say;—"Touch not, taste not, handle not, the unclean thing."

In reference to our attire she would quote from St. Paul, "Not adorned with gold nor pearls, nor costly apparel, but with shame-facedness". Beauty unadorned, is adorned the most."

Another of her favorite sayings was, "Whatever you do, do it so that no one can mend it or better it." and "As you would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them in like circumstances."

We were taught to name the name of Diety with care and solemnity, to hold our persons as sacred as the Bible and our virtue dearer than life.

She taught us never to murmur and cited us the experience of the Children of Israel in their travels through the wilderness to show the result of murmuring, saying that when they murmured the Lord was displeased with them and they did not prosper.

She would say, and it was a safe guide;—"Whatever you hear me say, you may say with safety."

When we went to bed at night we were taught to repeat this little verse:

"In the dark where children sleep
In the room to hear their prayer,
God will all good children keep,
God is here and everywhere."

I never remember hearing mother laugh aloud, but she would laugh till she shook, then removing her glasses from her eyes she would wipe away the tears.

Mother wrote an English running hand, and often wrote letters for those who were unable to do so for themselves, for in those days many people had not enjoyed the educational advantages that she had. A gentleman once remarked as he saw her write, that hers was the pen of a ready writer. Following is a specimen of her handwriting;

Here is the Phrenological chart of my mother, taken March 30, 1841, by William Bally.¹ She was then 43 years of age.

1. Phrenology, the study of the skull's structure to determine a person's character and mental capacity, is based upon the false assumption that mental faculties are located on the surface of the brain and can be detected by visible inspection of the skull.

Phrenological Chart of Mary Godwin Walker

Method of Marking:

Small.	Moderate.	Full.	Rather Large.	Large.	Very Large.
1	2	3	4	5	6

The Cerebral Development of Mary Godwin Walker

The Animal Feelings			19 Hope	2
1 Amativeness	Size	5	20 Marvelousness	size 2
2 Philoprogenitiveness		5	21 Ideality	5
3 Inhabitiveness		3	22 Wit or Mirthfulness	4
5 Adhesiveness		6	23 Imitation	5
5 Combativeness		2	The Intellectual Powers	
6 Destructiveness		3	24 Individuality	4
7 Secretiveness		2	25 Configuration or Form	5
8 Acquisitiveness		2	26 Size	4
9 Constructiveness		3	27 Weight and resistance	3
10 Alimentiveness		1	28 Coloring	4
11 Love of Life		2	29 Locality	6
12 Self Esteem		2	30 Calculation	3
13 Love of Approbation		6	31 Order	4
14 Cautiousness		6	32 Eventuality	3
The Moral Sentiments			33 Time	5
15 Benevolence		5	34 Tune or Melody	3
16 Veneration		3	35 Language	3
17 Firmness		4	36 Comparison	4
18 Conscientiousness		4	37 Casuality	6

General Size of the Head—Anterior lobe,—large. Coronal region above Cautiousness,—rather large. Ditto, above Causality,—very large. Region of Animan Propensities,—rather large in the middle lobe, very large, posterior lobe. Subject has more moral courage than animal courage.

(Phrenological Chart,—continued)

Of the Temperment. The individual possesses;

- 1 part of the Lymphatic.
- 1 “ “ “ Sanguine.
- 0 “ “ “ Billious.
- 2 “ “ “ Nervous.



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*Mary Lois's older brother
Charles Lowell Walker
(1832-1904), a poet who
resided for much of his life
in St. George, Utah.*

My parents had four children, of whom I was the youngest. My oldest sister, Ann Agatha, was born July 11, 1829. She emigrated to America about 1846 and later became the wife of Apostle Parley P. [Parker] Pratt. She died in Ogden June 25, 1908.

My sister Dorcas was born in 1831 and died when about twelve years of age in Pendelton, Lancashire, England.

My brother, Charles Lowell Walker was born in 1832. He emigrated to St. Louis about 1848, meeting the rest of the family when we arrived in May, 1950. As he had been apprenticed to the Black-smith's trade he did not proceed to Utah till a year or two later. About 1861 he married Miss Abigale Middlemast [Abigail Middlemass Walker] and they resided in the Sixth Ward, Salt Lake City. He died in January 1904.

My Own Life

My Own Life

I was born on the 14th of May, 1835, in the town of Leek, Staffordshire, England. The house was situated on Derby Street which seemed to be the main street of the town. The house was two or three stories high, I rather think three. My mother's bed room where I was born, was directly over her millinery shop. It was well furnished in solid mahogany, the chairs upholstered in black horse-hair. An old fashioned four-post bedstead,

with hangings above and below of white dimity, edged with a two inch wide pale blue worsted braid. I remember these hangings quite distinctly and how soft and pretty I used to think the cords of cloth were.

On my 70th birthday, my sister Agatha wrote me a very pretty account of my birth and described the surroundings at that time, how my mother was dressed, how the room was furnished and her feelings as a child of six years, etc.etc. Altho so young she had made a little soft cap for me all by hand. It was the custom in those days in England for young babies to wear these tiny caps.

NOTE: (In the confusion of the birthday party, this letter was mislaid.—should it be found it should be inserted here.)

(Space left for insertion of Mrs. Agatha Pratt's letter, if found.)

Birth and Childhood

My Mother at the time of my birth, was doing a large millinery business, keeping apprentices and journey-women, as those who had learned their trade were called. This necessitated keeping help in the house as well as a nurse for the children.

The first thing I remember, (I think I was not quite two years old) was seeing my Grandmother Godwin as she lay dead. Her head was to my right hand as I stood by the bed looking at her.

We Move to Manchester

After Grandmother Godwin's death we moved from our native town of Leek, to the city of Manchester, a large cotton manufacturing center. It was while here that the second event that I distinctly remember occurred:—the wearing of a little "Coronation pinafore" or apron made of a calico printed in honor of the coronation of Queen Victoria, which occurred a month after my second birthday,—June 1837.² This calico was white with small sprays of tiny pink flowers and small black leaves, edged with red. This pattern is as distinct in my mind as if I had worn it but yesterday.

(I find that the date, as I remember it, corresponds exactly with the date, fifty years later, when the Kings and Queens of the world met to celebrate the Jubilee of Her Majesty, Queen Victoria. The year 1837 was also the year that the Gospel was taken to England.)

Another incident about this time made a lasting impression on

2. Queen Victoria (1819–1901) became Queen of Britain on June 20, 1837, when her uncle Edward IV died. While Mary Lois remembered Victoria's coronation taking place in June 1837, it was actually not held until June 28, 1838. Victoria reigned for almost sixty-three years, until her death in January 1901. Ronald Allison and Sarah Riddell, eds., *The Royal Encyclopedia*, 553–58.

my mind. A young woman, named Amelia Babbington, had been left in charge of us children while father and mother went out for the evening, but unfaithful to the trust reposed in her, went out with a soldier who had called to see her, leaving us four little children alone, the eldest, Agatha, being only eight years old and I but two years.

During the evening I needed to go out, so my sister, Agatha, good little girl as she was, went with me, carrying a candle in her hand to light us, which she set down so near to me that as I stooped over, the oil silk cap which I wore on my head caught fire. Noticing the flame above me I exclaimed "Eh, what a nice blaze!" My sister, young as she was took in the situation at a glance, and had the presence of mind to clap her hand over the 'nice blaze' and so saved my life. I carry the scar on my forehead to this day, but it is covered by my hair, combing it as I do. This same girl proved afterwards to be dishonest, but mother on finding it out, concluded to simply dismiss her, rather than prosecute her.

Associated with this period is a pleasant picture of our home on a Sunday afternoon. In the cozy kitchen, with white stone floor, mother sat in a chair in the corner, with her little ones gathered around her while she lovingly told them Bible stories. I can, in my mind, see her as she told of Joseph, who was sold into Egypt; of David and Jonathan; and I remember now the impression that the passage in Samuel with reference to Saul the disobedient king, made upon my mind,—“Obedience is better than sacrifice, and to harken than the fat of rams.”

As I recall these precious truths, taught me in my infancy and even on to mature years, I bless my God that I was sent to parents who taught me in His ways and I feel thankful that their parents, in turn and their parents' parents taught them as they taught me.

When I contemplate the state of the world today and read accounts of crimes committed by mere infants as well as by persons from youth to old age, more and more precious grow these truths taught me by precept and example, which if I continue to follow will lead me to life eternal. I esteem them above all learning and wealth of the world.

When I was four years old I attended the Jackson Lane Infant School, taught by my father. I remember going one morning with my sister Dorcas who was a cripple, (rendered so as a result of an attack of measles) and some one asked me as we were walking along 'what was the matter with my sister?' Altho I was but four years old at the time I was well aware that better English was spoken in our home than in the homes of most working people, so fearing that the person asking the question might not know what "spinal" meant, I added "in her back" for her instruction.

Another morning I well remember, when someone asked me how old I was, answering "I am four years old".

How well I remember the little soft blue pilot cloth cloak which I

wore at this school. It was trimmed with black silk velvet of excellent quality, and fastened at the neck with a clasp made to represent a butterfly or insect, the two parts connected by a chain which regulated the size of the neck.

This Jackson Lane school room was long and lofty, with a gallery at one end where the seats were arranged one tier above another from the floor to the ceiling. It was arranged in this way so that every child could see and hear the teacher as he gave them their lessons.

The opening exercises consisted of singing and prayer, then singing again. Then followed motion songs, until we would be all of a glow with the healthful exertion. We would march to the following song:—

We will march round the room
Forming square and pretty lines
And nicely keeping time with our feet
And our teacher, if we're good, will say
March away, march away, march away
We'll march to our places
And make no wry faces
And make all our motions so quiet and slow
For if we don't do it, our teacher will know it.
And into the corner we surely shall go.

Then when the large audience of children were seated in the gallery before the master, he would give us lessons from the Bible, Natural History and simple Arithmetic, using for the latter study an abacus, a small wooden frame with balls of white wood threaded on wire from one side of the frame to the other. Then we learned the names of geometrical lines, Geography, simple lessons in Mineralogy and Chemistry. These were presented as object lessons. Father would present the object before the class and supposing it to be wood, cotton, a feather, coal, iron, silk or any other object, we were expected to tell him to which kingdom (Mineral, Animal or Vegetable) it belonged. I can see him now, as he stood before his pupils, very much interested in his work, the children listening attentively, for he expected them to be so still that he could hear a pin drop while he talked. He gave us plenty of chance for exercise so that we could sit still at our lessons.

I think our first home in Manchester was in Rusham Street. I fancy it was while here that a woman used to pass along the Street with a basket on her head crying "Pale Mushrooms, pale mushrooms". She had a very sweet voice and if I knew something of writing music I could give the tune exactly as she did. My sister has told me that I used to imitate her in my

baby way and cry “Pale mush-a-moons, pale mush-a-moons”, she continued “and your voice was so sweet that it made mother weep.”

When I was about six years old we were living at No. 17 Stanly Street, Manchester. This was a very respectable street. The houses were of brick with brown stone steps leading to the front doors, smooth stone sidewalks and well paved street. Here I really enjoyed my play very much. It would Hop-scotch on the smooth pavement or Bobber and Kibbs on the stone steps. The Bobber was a marble about the size of a walnut, gaily colored when new, but the paint soon wore off. This marble would readily bounce on the hard stone steps. The kibbs were small smooth white bones, about an inch long, five in number, taken from the foot of a pig. The game consisted in bouncing the marble on the steps, then quickly picking up one of the little bones and be ready to catch the marble as it came down again.

We could play out of doors until nine or ten o'clock in the evening during the summer as the twilight was so long. I remember having seen the sun set and hearing the town clock strike nine. Then we would have daylight again at three in the morning. It was while we lived in this house that the following incident occurred.

I was washing some doll's clothes one day in a large earthen-ware bowl, called a “jowl” which the English people used as we use wash tubs. It was about the size of a large milk pan at the bottom and of a tub at the top. It was made of smooth red earthen-ware ribbed like a wash board inside, and glazed like a plate tile the outside was smooth but not glazed. I was so small that I could hardly reach the bowl as it stood on a chair or bench, so in my effort to do so I tipped it over on the stone floor and broke it. I fully expected to be punished for this accident as it was quite a loss to my mother, but to my great surprise and relief, not a word was said.

I think this treatment has caused me to be lenient to others in case of accident, always discriminating between accident and carelessness.

I remember one bright Sabbath morning going to Sunday School through the snow. I had on a new red dress, a white wool or sheep's skin muff and a tiny neck piece tied under the chin with a ribbon bow, a white straw or tuscan bonnet trimmed with red ribbon, the same shade as the dress. This ribbon was put on in two twisted bands around the crown of the bonnet finished with a rosette about three inches across. Mother had trimmed it for me and I remember how I enjoyed the contrast of the snow and my white muff with the red dress. There is a great fascination for children in colors.

Next door to us lived a Mrs. Hollies, a very refined Irish lady who taught a private school in her own home which I attended. In the morning we had lessons but in the afternoon, after a short reading exercise, we had sewing. The little reader we used was a sort of pamphlet of twenty-five or thirty pages. I think one of the first lessons was taken from the first chapter of John:—“In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was

with God, and the Word was God, etc.," One afternoon I received a tin ticket for hemming a sheet across in one afternoon. A certain number of these tickets would win a prize. I also made a common shirt for my brother while attending this school. It was made of unbleached cloth with cuffs and collar of coarse butcher's linen. These cuffs and collar were trimmed with hand stitching. A thread of the cloth was drawn out, the needle inserted and two threads taken up. The needle was then inserted back of the two threads and brought out again two threads further on. When finished it looked very like the machine stitching of today.

I remember, very distinctly, attending meetings in the chapel of the Primitive, or Wesleyan, Methodists, to which church my parents belonged. We were taught to be very quiet and to look at the preacher. One Sunday morning, I know, I fell asleep and had a cozy little nap. I remember being seated in the gallery, to the right of the preacher, whose name was Mr. Gwither, a nice looking gentleman with dark hair, high forehead, fair skin, rosy cheeks and pleasant manners. On the wall, immediately behind the preacher, was a round light space, about three feet in diameter, forming a sort of light background for the head and shoulders of the preacher, and suggestive to me of a halo. I rather liked this, he being a holy man.

I remember, when attending church one Sunday evening with father, a gentleman at the door asking me if I would not like to come and live with him, promising me all sorts of nice things as inducements, and trying to make a bargain with father for me, but I could not just see the point.

I attended a sectarian Sunday School; not the bright cheerful place that we enjoy meeting in today, and there receiving a small card with a passage of scripture upon it, and how ashamed I felt because I could not read, although I was but an infant.

When I was about seven years old mother took me with her to our native town of Leek, to visit our relatives. This is the only time that I remember mother leaving home, so it was a great event, and a very happy one to me as I was to accompany her. The dress I wore was a fawn colored cashmere. It seemed so soft and smooth, just as material feels when it has been beautifully washed and pressed and had that peculiar odor or freshly washed wool. I know mother fitted me out quite nicely as she made, or made over, clothes very neatly. Several incidents of this visit are still distinctly remembered by me. One was, spending the evening with my cousin Robert Godwin and his sister Eliza. On the evening referred to, Uncle Joseph, Aunt Eliza and mother must have been out visiting, or spending the evening with relatives, for she had not seen them for many years. Any way, we three cousins, who were delighted with the novelty of each other's acquaintance, sat by the fire telling stories. I think cousin Robert, as he was the eldest, told the stories, and one, I remember was "Blue-beard".

There was occasion for an errand out of doors, and my cousin

Eliza wanted me to go with her, but Robert, with affectionate gallantry, suggested that the night air might not be good for me.

While upon this visit we called to see Doctor and Mrs Cooper and spent the afternoon and dined with them. Mrs. Cooper was a very amiable and intelligent lady and a dear friend of my mother's. I remember playing in the lovely dining room with their beautiful little boys and jumping off the sofa a time or two. Mrs Cooper was such a quiet refined, generous lady! I remember seeing a little work bag hanging near the window. It was made of white cloth and had a landscape design upon it, drawn by Mrs. Cooper, which was proof that she was an educated person as in those days drawing was not taught, except in the higher class schools or by private teachers. Dr. Richard Cooper, her husband, was our family physician, and he, thinking I might be my mother's last child, would accept no fee, but presented me to her.

While accompanying mother, one Sunday afternoon to visit some friends, we met my nurse, Grace Lummus. It seemed to me quite an event to meet the person who had attended me when I was a baby.

Receiving the Gospel. Aunt Agatha's Recital

My sister, your Aunt Agatha, furnished me with the following facts with reference to our receiving the Gospel. She said.—“Mother was away for a short time and Aunt Kate who was a devout Methodist, was staying with us. At that time I could not have been more than eleven or twelve years old. Aunt Kate asked me if I had been converted or had experienced religion. I told her I had not. She asked me if I did not know that if I did not become converted and tell the Lord that I was the chief of sinners and ask him to take away my heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh, that I should go to the lake of fire and brimstone and be condemned forever. Now this was an awful thing to tell a child and my own common sense revolted from such an idea.

I replied “Aunt Kate, I could not tell the Lord such a thing, for I am not the chief of sinners, I do not tell falsehoods or say wicked words and I have not a heart of stone because I love my parents and fear and love the Lord”. “Well”, she said, “you will have to tell the Lord so or your fate will be as I have said”.

“Now”, aunt Agatha continued, “this set me thinking very seriously and troubled me a good deal, so when mother came home I told her what Aunt Kate had said. Mother replied, “Be a good child, and when you are older you will know what to do.” But this did not satisfy me. Shortly after we moved to Pendleton.³ Father, as you know was a local preacher and took

3. Pendleton, England, was located two and a half miles northwest of Manchester and had about 11,032 inhabitants in 1845. Its major industries were cotton and flax mills and

me with him one Sunday when he went to preach in a little church near by. A young man, named William Hardman walked home with us, and when we were about to separate, he asked father if he had heard of these people called Mormons who have a golden Bible and preach the same doctrines that our Savior taught. "They speak with new tongues", he said, "and do as Christ charged His apostles to do before He ascended to Heaven." Father said he had not heard of them but would like to meet some of them.

The Latter Day Saints were holding their meetings at this time in a cellar or basement of a building in Oldham Road. Father went to hear them and attended several meetings before he took me. He used to go early and sit upon the stairs, where he would not be seen on account of his being an officer in the church to which he belonged.

I do not know how many times he heard them before he became convinced of the truth, but this I know, the very first time that he took me (they were holding meetings in Poland Street by this time) I drank in every word;—it was like pure water to the thirsty, food to the famished; it satisfied my whole being. I thought, "This is reasonable, tangible, it tells me what to do and how to do it. I knew the first principles they taught were true, and I have known it ever since.

I said to father,—'Why do you not join the Mormons, you know that what they teach is true?' His only reply was, "Humph, what does a child like you know about it?" I said, "Well, I know it is true."

At another time, when we were going home from meeting, father said,—"If I were to join them I should lose my position". He was then teaching school in Jackson Lane, in a room adjoining an Independent chapel owned by the church that kept the school. He received a small salary from the church funds and the children each paid a little every week, and besides this he taught a Sunday School, for which he was paid. Some time after this the church made some improvements in their chapel, built a new organ, etc., which caused them some financial embarrassment and they were therefore obliged to close the school, thus depriving father of this employment.

When he came home and told us, my first words were,—"Now you can join the Mormons". All he said was,—"Humph." But he did join them and was ordained to the office of an elder at the water's edge (if I remember right) and was sent to labor in Hull, Yorkshire."⁴

I must say, in justice to father, that he was a faithful laborer in the ministry and enjoyed the gifts of the Gospel to a great degree, especially the gift of healing.

the manufacture of silk. It had churches of the Independent, Wesleyan, and Methodist persuasions. Lewis, *A Topographical Dictionary of England*, 3:526.

4. Hull, Yorkshire (also known as Kingston-Upon-Hull), was a seaport and borough located 170 miles north of London. Lewis, *A Topographical Dictionary of England*, 2:673–78.

My Sister Dorcas

Some time after we joined the Church, two elders, one named Sands, were brought to our home. They came for the purpose of administering to my sister Dorcas, who had been a cripple for about eleven years, as the result of an attack of measles. She walked with her hand on her knee. After the administration of the elders she began to improve, and would straighten herself against the door every day, until before her death she could stand almost erect. Her death, which occurred about 1842, was a result of typhoid fever, which was a great trial to my dear mother.

Although I did not know it at the time, , being only about seven years old, my sister has told me since that father had very grave fears for mother after Dorcas' death, though we never remember to have heard a murmur pass her lips. Agatha says that father was always anxious to have me accompany mother everywhere she went in order to divert her mind a little from her great bereavement.

Dorcas, being a delicate, nervous child, extremely sensitive and a cripple, had wound herself around the tenderest cords of my mother's heart. She was of fair complexion, rather dark red hair and blue eyes. She had very quick perceptive powers and nimble fingers. She would make very pretty doll's bonnets of straw (hats were not worn in those days, except with riding habits or as sunshades, wide brimmed.)

When I was a child, there was a saying that to dream of a wedding was a sure sign of a death in the family. I dreamed of a wedding and thought that I must be in attendance but I had to borrow a dress to wear. My sister died soon after, and strange as it may seem, I had to wear a borrowed dress at the funeral, my own not being finished. I remember also that it was a blue black instead of a jet black, as is usually the custom for mourning. Our bonnets were what was called "draw bonnets" made of a sort of corded lawn, shirred. I remember them distinctly, although it is more than sixty years ago. In spite of the fact that we were only little children and the day warm, for it was in June, we were dressed all in black, as was the custom then.

People used also to believe that to see a "winding sheet" in the candle was another sign of death. This winding sheet was caused by the wax or tallow of the candle melting, and running down the side of the candle in fine flutings or crinkled sort of ribbon. We noticed a winding sheet in the candle one night, shortly before our sister's death, and it seemed to point in the direction in which she was sitting.

In those days, they did not dress people for burial as we do now, but instead, a finely pleated shroud, or winding sheet was placed over the body. It was made of soft white woolen goods, called Domet, and was laid in pleats an inch wide from the neck to the waist and finished at the neck with a white ribbon. Mother's own nimble fingers arranged the

soft regular pleats of the shroud of her treasured one. The remains were tenderly laid to rest in the Brunswick Chapel Cemetery in the village of Pendleton, near the city of Manchester, England. Sweet rest to her dear remains!

When upon her deathbed, Dorcas asked my sister Agatha to be baptized for her. All matters of this nature have been attended to.⁵

Altho her death was a sore trial we have lived to acknowledge the hand of the Lord in it. With her frail constitution, she could have never endured the trials and privations that we afterwards passed through in crossing the plains and in our pioneer life for many years after we reached the valley.

Results of Obeying the Gospel

Shortly after my father joined the Church, a gentleman by the name of John Banks, residing in London and a prominent elder in the branch there, wrote to my father as follows:—"Elder Walker, why teach children the alphabet, why not teach men and women the words of Eternal Life?" This remark led to my father being called on a mission a few months later.

When my mother was consulted, she said;—"If the Lord wants him, I will not with-hold him".

As I recall these words of my mother my heart is touched, as I am a witness of what ie meant. This simple reply showed the guiding principle of my dear mother's life,—self sacrifice, and unswerving devotion to God and to those around her.

Father's Mission

I was almost nine years old at this time and father continued in the ministry until I was between fourteen and fifteen years old. During this period of about six years we passed through much privation and all struggled for the necessities of life.

When I was nine years old my father took me with him to visit some of the Saints in Cheshire, the Conference in which he was laboring as a traveling elder.⁶ It was very pleasant for me to meet with these humble people, who loved and revered my father so much.

One day I went to a farm house to buy some buttermilk for the lady

5. The baptism for the dead for Dorcas Walker was completed on June 23, 1869, in the Salt Lake Endowment House. Dorcas's endowments were completed on June 13, 1877, in the St. George Temple; and she was sealed to her parents on August 23, 1894, in the Salt Lake Temple. International Genealogical Index, Family History Library (hereinafter cited as IGI).

6. Cheshire, England, a county in northwest England bordering the Irish Sea, included about 1,052 square miles and approximately 334,391 inhabitants in 1840. Lewis, *A Topographical Dictionary of England*, 1:512–16.

with whom we were staying. The bucket was as large as an ordinary water bucket and far too heavy for a child to carry, and on my way back I upset the buttermilk. "Oh, what shall I do?" I thought. Remembering that I had a few coppers, I returned with the best grace I could and presented myself to Mrs. Bessie Williams, my kind hostess with the empty bucket and what money I had. She only smiled at my anxiety to make good my misfortune and refused to take my little stock of half-pence. I think the buttermilk only cost two cents.

While staying with this good family, we held Sacrament Meetings every Sunday afternoon. Sometimes there would be only six or seven persons present,—Bro. Geo. Williams and wife and their two children Tom and Emma, myself, and Bro. Thomas Naylor and his wife, Mary [Clayton Naylor]. This Bro. Naylor was a brother of William Naylor of the Old Folks Committee of Salt Lake City.

The Spirit of God was with us and we had happy times in that humble cottage on a Sunday afternoon.

Sometimes, after the meeting I had to confess that I had quenched the spirit of testimony that burned within my breast, and Sister Williams would say,—“The angels of the Lord will go up and say, ‘There’s no testimony from Polly today.’” Polly was their pet name for me.

While still upon this visit to Cheshire my father took me to stay with a family named Wright, who lived in a little town called Crew. Mrs. [Ruth Nephewson] Wright had already embraced the Gospel some time previously, but Mr. [Henry] Wright had only just been baptized by father. This new convert being a night watchman, father arranged one day for a meeting to be held at his home at 9 a.m. There were present at this meeting besides Bro. and Sister Wright and ourselves, their only daughter, Annie [Ann Neveson Wright Naylor] (now Mrs. William Naylor) a Sister Webster, who had recently been baptized and her young son. I was seated in an infant chair by the side of my father, and soon after our meeting was opened I felt impressed that Sister Webster had something to say. Being so young, I had not the courage to rise and express myself as moved upon. Then the spirit left me and rested upon my father, who arose and stated that he felt Sister Webster had a testimony to bear. She arose and bore a strong testimony, which confirmed our impressions. This incident has always been a pleasant recollection of my childhood and a satisfaction to me to have had this manifestation while still so young. I believe I was so prompted for her encouragement.

I never met this sister again until I had reached middle age and was pleased to find upon that occasion, that she had a distinct recollection of this little incident.

In after life Mrs. William Naylor, before mentioned, told me that I preached the Gospel to her when we were children together at her

father's house, although I was not aware at the time of the effect of my words.

About three years after this I was again invited to visit at Bro. William's home and this time had the opportunity of attending school. The head girls of the school were Ester Bisbrown and Esther Cleghorn. I liked my teacher, who was a very quiet, unassuming gentleman, and adapted to his profession. At this time I had pleasure in the Gospel and enjoyed attending meetings. Elder Lyman, Omer Littlefield was laboring in this, the Overlane, Cheshire district. I well remember how powerfully he spoke and how joyfully my heart responded to his inspired words as I sat and listened to him in those humble cottage meetings. I remember very distinctly an expression Brother Littlefield made as he stood by the fireplace in that humble home of Bro. Williams in Overlane. He said;—"I have not come eight thousand miles on a foolish errand", having come from America.

You will notice that the initial letters of this brother's name were L.O. and he once told us that the Prophet Joseph [Smith] would greet him with, "L.O.Littlefield!" thus making a pun of his initials. He was in the prime of life at this time, and when I heard of his laboring in the Logan Temple in his advanced years I should have liked to have met him and talked over this period in his life, while he was laboring in England. This Bro. Littlefield was the author of a book called "The Martyrs" which dealt with the martyrs of our own church.⁷

As I have said before, I loved to attend my meetings and would go alone and at night, perhaps six or seven blocks, but I was not afraid and enjoyed the good Spirit as much as I do now, altho only a child.

We had the privilege of listening to such men as Elder Serine, Orson Spencer, and Apostles Parley P. Pratt, Orson Pratt, John Taylor, and Orson Hyde. I remember hearing Orson Pratt give an account of the Great Salt Lake Valley.

In speaking of John Taylor, father once told us that he said,—“Always save a man if you can”. This may have been uttered at some council meeting, or trial at which father was present.

I remember hearing Parley P. Pratt speak one Sunday evening, and of loving the words he said so much that I felt as if I could lay down my life for him. I followed the people who crowded round to shake hands with him, but it seemed to me that I could not reach out my hand for the world.⁸

7. Lyman Omer Littlefield, *The Martyrs; A Sketch of the Lives and a Full Account of the Martyrdom of Joseph and Hyrum Smith, Together with a Concise Review of the Most Prominent Incidents Connected with the Persecutions of the Saints, from the Time the Church Was Organized up to the Year 1846* (Salt Lake City: Juvenile Instructor Office, 1982).

8. Parley Parker Pratt (1807–1857) was an apostle in the LDS church from 1835 to 1857. Ann Agatha Walker, Mary Lois's sister, was his tenth wife.

I remember, very distinctly, the 'Joint Stock Co.' trouble and Thomas Ward and Reuben Hedlock [Hedlock], who were implicated in the affair. A few days ago I was told by a very old member of the Manchester Conference that the Apostles referred to as visiting our meetings were sent over from America to clear up this 'Joint Stock Co.' business.⁹

When these Apostles returned my sister Agatha emigrated to America.

Not long after this, in the early 'forties', my brother Charles also had an opportunity to emigrate, in company with our dear friends the Williams family. He had just begun to work at the blacksmith's trade, and Bro. Williams being a blacksmith we thought this a good opening for him. They, with many other Saints, settled in St. Louis, until by working they could earn means to purchase the necessary outfit to go on to the Valley. My brother was very happy with this family and went with Mr. Williams to Kentucky for a time, to work at blacksmithing.

Privation

Mother and I were alone now, as father was still out preaching the Gospel. We suffered many privations. I think one of the most trying times of this period was once, when we were without food all day. What made the pangs of hunger more intense was the odor of freshly baked bread arising from the bakery in the basement of a house adjoining where we lived. I have often thought how intensely my dear mother must have suffered under these circumstances with her sensitive nature and undying mother love. But no murmur escaped her lips.

In our family prayer she would ask our Heavenly Father to gently clear our way and would quote from Proverbs 39th Chapter, 8th verse, "Give me neither poverty nor riches, feed me with food," and therewith let me be contented, she would add. Father did not receive sufficient money to pay our rent and this was another great trial to my mother and deeply humiliated her because of her extreme conscientiousness and rigid sense of honor.

9. In 1846, Reuben Hedlock, the president of the LDS church in the British Isles, and Thomas Ward, his counselor, founded a Joint Stock Company in Britain that was represented as an "adjunct" to the LDS church. Its purpose was said to be the gathering of LDS church members to America and the improvement of church members' economic welfare. Mormons were encouraged from the pulpit and in church periodicals to buy stock in the company, and a considerable amount of stock was purchased. When LDS apostles arrived from America, they demanded an accounting of the company and found that of the £1,644 of stocks that shareholders had bought, all but £226 had been used for traveling and business expenses, leaving no money to be invested. Hedlock was excommunicated, and Ward was disfellowshipped and between October 17 and 19, 1846, the Joint Stock Company was dissolved. Brigham H. Roberts, *A Comprehensive History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Century 1*, 3:124–28 (hereinafter cited as *Comp. History*).

My mother added to our income by her millinery work and it always looked as if it had not been touched by human hands. I can see her seated with a tuscan bonnet on her lap and in her hands white satin of which she was making a dahlia. The flower, when finished, consisted of sixty three petals and was about the size of a sauce dish and looked so perfect that it did not seem to have been made by any human being. I sat and watched her make it and although a child and it is over sixty years ago, I can distinctly remember how she did it.

I used to tease her for something to do and she would give me needles to thread, but after these were threaded I would again tease for something more to do. Then mother would give me cloth and scissors and I would cut out and make doll's clothes. When I had made enough of these I would make tiny bags. In her pleasantry she would call me her "Little woman of forty bags". This title was prophetic, as my children can all testify, for it always seemed to me to be a good way of keeping bedding and clothes neat and clean when not in use.

Another School Attended in Childhood

When about nine years old I attended a school taught by two Scotch ladies, Miss Law and her sister Miss Charlotte Law. The room where the classes were held was long, lofty and large, with a gallery at one end for the children to sit in while they were being instructed. Upon the walls were hung pictures of animals pasted upon smooth white boards. After marching around the room we would be seated in the gallery doing needle-work or lessons, as the case might be. Here I learned something of knitting. We had work pockets about nine inches deep, with two compartments to hold our work, thimble, thread, etc. My pocket was made of checked gingham, in red and green, with a tape sewed, to it so that it could be tied around the waist, like a little apron.

I remember these ladies called upon mother and how lovely I thought they were and how they seemed to enjoy conversing with her. For a time I sat quietly on a little stool by the side of one of these ladies and with a pin, that I happened to have in my hand, traced the pretty floral pattern on her dress, and she, noticing what I was doing, stooped down and kissed me. They were very polite and had a way of acquiescing with what mother said by bowing their heads and saying "Quite so", and "Just so" in a very precise and courteous manner. After a while my brother Charles and I sat under the large round table, no doubt hidden from view by the ample corners of the table cover, and childlike, we sat and enjoyed silently mincing their courteous "Quite so's" and "Just so's" accompanied with a nod of the head.

I suppose I must have been very fond of children, judging from a remark of my father's. He said;—"You would nurse children as old as yourself."

The neighbors would often ask mother to let me come over to tend the baby. This I was very willing to do, as I had no companion at home of my own age to play with. A lady living next door got me to come and help her with the baby, but when she found that I was handy with housework she put me to that and tended the baby herself. One Sunday afternoon I was left alone with the baby and was also told to keep the dinner cooking.

I can see myself now in that basement kitchen (which is not as cheerful as an upper room) with baby in my arms and the puddings boiling dry. I knew that the water on the puddings must be kept boiling and knew that, left as they were, they would burn before Mrs. Davis would be home from church, so I ventured to add cold water to them (there being several in one pot) and was greatly relieved to find they were all right when served at dinner. That same evening I had to tend baby again and it cried with the colic as a result of the mother eating fresh fruit, but it never entered my mind to get out of the difficulty by going home, next door.

When about twelve years old, my father being still in the missionary field, I worked again for this same lady. I had all the housework to do, besides the washing for the family. On wash day I would have to work until bed time to get it all done as I had no washer or wringer, or even a washboard to work with, so had to rub and wring every piece by hand and at night my hands would smart so that I could not sleep. Being naturally diffident I did not always eat all I wanted, altho I needed it, being a growing girl and working hard.

About a year later I began helping mother at millinery work and found it very hard to sit all day. Mother was working for Messrs. John, James and George Cooper at a large warehouse. The firm traded under the title of "I.J.&G. Cooper". (the Scotch form of John, Ian, being used probably to prevent confusion of initials, a custom in England.) We worked in a large well lighted, beautiful room filled with bright attractive girls.

I remember one of the salesmen passing through the room one day, and asking, rather scornfully;—"What do you girls call yourselves?" "Ladies", they answered, to which he replied,—"Mrs. Walker is the only lady here". This remark caused the girls to look up the meaning of the word "Lady".

They were good singers, too. These Messrs Cooper were brothers of Dr. Richard Cooper before mentioned, and we held them in high esteem, for their own worth as well as for their relationship to our dear friends.

I remember dining at their home once when I was a little child. Mrs. Cooper, their mother, sat me on a stool and put my plate on a higher stool in front of me and then cut my meat in small pieces for me, but noticing later that I ate my potatoes first, asked if I "did not like meat?" I

told her that I did and that is why I reserved it till the last." You, children, may judge whether or no, this was characteristic of your mother, although manifested in childhood.

My mother told me that in that family, no matter what guests were dining with them, the sons, who served the dinner, always served their mother first. They had a beautiful home and servants.

Mr. John Cooper married a very beautiful woman, but his brother, the doctor, remarked as he walked behind him and his bride, either going to or coming from the church,—“If that woman lives, our Jack’s a dead man,” He could tell that she had consumption and that her husband would take the disease if she lived, but she did not live. He married again, and his other wife, although not beautiful was a very excellent woman. She said once that a voice told her that her little daughter Jane, would die, but she answered the voice “Rather let me beg than Jane die.”

At another time mother and I worked in a warehouse where three hundred men were employed and we were the only women. Our occupation was to clean bonnets, which we did with stale bread. Some days I was there alone and one day one of the men put his hand on my waist. I told him to keep his hands to himself. He replied, “I know you don’t mean what you say.” Boiling over with indignation I answered, “When I speak once I mean what I say as much as if I had spoken a thousand times.” He concluded he had better leave me alone after that. When I used to pass through these large rooms to the street these men would whistle or make remarks, but I passed on as if I had heard nothing and was never molested.

Methodical Habits

When a child of ten, if allowed to stay home and do our work, (I generally had to go out to work to help mother while father was away preaching) I would arrange my household duties, something like this:—Monday, washing; Tuesday, ironing; Wednesday, after my work was done I had a little leisure, or took a walk with my companion, a girl about my own age, or she would come to see me; Thursday, chamber work; Friday, cleaning parlor and sitting room; and Saturday, kitchen work, which would be done about noon. Then I would go to my friend’s perhaps, and help her, as she was the eldest of a large family. Sometimes I would help her bathe the children or do her pantry work for her.

We Move Back to Our Native Town

When father had been out preaching for about four years, my uncles, Joseph and Samuel thinking no doubt, that mother, their only sister, must be having a struggle to make a living, wanted her to come to Leek and live so that they might be able to render her some assistance from time to

time. They had been left fatherless in their infancy and were reared by a tender, God fearing mother. They remembered the trials of their youthful days and very tender feelings existed between them and their sister. They were in comfortable circumstances and lived on their own property, which is not very common in England. I think they must have consulted together for mother's welfare. So Uncle Joseph brought his own team and wagon to Manchester, some thirty miles, and took mother and me and all our household effects to Leek, their native town.

Our surroundings had greatly changed. Mother's large business connection was gone and we were in straightened circumstances. Having joined the Mormons we had few friends, for we did not associate with church or chapel folks. I doubt if there was another person in the town of Leek who belonged to the same church as ourselves. The Mormons were held in bad repute, so it was bad policy for us to let it be known that we belonged to them. Our relatives knew of our religious connections but treated us well, although they cared nothing for Mormonism. We lived part of the time with Uncle Joseph and part with Uncle Samuel. We also stayed with a first, or second, cousin, a Mrs. Ann Slack Beardmoor. Her husband was a very devout, nice man, a good husband and father and also a clever mechanic.

Our stay at Uncle Samuel's was not the pleasantest, as I remember, although he was a kind gentle man, but his wife, who was step-mother to his children, had an irritable disposition, as a result of Dyspepsia. I know that the little daughter, Lydia, hardly dared to call her soul her own. Neither of us could please her. If we tried to make the beds well, we were too long about it and if we tried to hurry we did not make them well enough to suit her. Finally I concluded that I could not please her however much I tried. She was a very neat, orderly person and no doubt a worthy woman. They had a bright rosy cheeked boy about sixteen years old who was learning the baker's trade.

After a time we rented two rooms in a fine old-fashioned house. A farmer rented the house and he re-rented the parlor and the room above it to us. The woodwork and floor were of English oak.

I sometimes went to Class-meeting with my aunt (they were Methodists) and while they kneeled and prayed to Jesus, calling Him to come, and shouting "He is here", or "I have Him", "Glory to God", "Hallelujah", etc. I was asking Heavenly Father to protect me from their influence, and He did.

John Darling Ross, a Scotchman, who belonged to the Mormon church, and who was spoken of as a "Walking Bible" because of his great knowledge of that book, came to Leek as an elder from the Manchester Conference, and held a little meeting in an upper room, and I remember with what avidity I drank in every word he said.

While living in Leek, mother worked at her trade when she could obtain work, and one day a lady with two little girls brought some hats for her to clean and trim. The agreement was that mother should also furnish the trimmings. The hats were done, according to promise, and called for but not paid for. A few days later I went to Congleton, about seven miles distant, to collect the money, but returned as I had gone, without it, and in addition was foot-sore and weary after my fourteen mile walk for nothing.¹⁰

We felt very much alone while living here. We were poor, and my mother was too proud and sensitive to go out much among our relations who were so differently situated.

However, whatever privations I have been called upon to suffer for the Gospel's sake I consider it an honor, although at that time I thought it hard, especially to be parted from my dear mother to go out and work for my daily bread.

We Emigrate

But, at least a change in our fortunes was approaching, for when we had been in Leek about a year, mother received a notification from the Liverpool office that we were to sail for America. By this time I was fourteen years old and father was released from his missionary labors, to gather to Zion, and it did not seem long after he came home that we were ready to go to Liverpool.¹¹

I had not seen father for nearly a year and I remember how interested I was in the packing and in our decisions as to what should be taken and what should be left behind. I remember father looking at me one day and saying;—"You are very decisive." He hardly expected his thirteen year old daughter of a year before to be able to decide household affairs so readily.

We Reach Liverpool

When we arrived in Liverpool we stayed at a Mormon hotel, kept by a Mrs. Cooley. While waiting in Liverpool we had the privilege of attending meeting in the comfortable well lighted hall where the Saints assembled. Here they used often to sing that favorite hymn, "Oh Babylon, we bid you

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10. Mary Lois seems to be referring to Congleton, England, located approximately ten miles from the town of Leek. In 1840, it had about 9,352 inhabitants, and its major manufactures were silk throwing and cotton spinning. Lewis, *A Topographical Dictionary of England*, 1:610–11.
 11. Liverpool, England, a major seaport and market town in northwestern England, contained about 223,000 inhabitants in 1845. Many LDS English emigrants sailed from Liverpool to America in the nineteenth century. Lewis, *A Topographical Dictionary of England*, 3:104–12.

farewell”, by Cyrus H. Wheelock, in which we joined with all our hearts for it thrilled the souls of the Saints.¹² I remember hearing a very powerful discourse delivered by Orson Pratt, calling the world to repentance. I have often marvelled at so powerful a voice from a man of small stature, but have found the answer to my query in Church History, for here we find, that when the Prophet Joseph sent Orson Pratt out in the world to preach the Gospel, he told him to “Speak to the people long and loud.” The Prophet told George A. [Albert] Smith to make short speeches and short prayers and the people would listen to him. Apostle George A. Smith followed this commandment all his life and made this remark about himself, “When I get up the people know that George A. isn’t going to speak long, so they listen to me.”

We Board the Ship

On February 11th, 1850, my father, mother and I boarded the ship “*Josiah Bradley*” with Captain [Charles] Mansfield as master of the ship.¹³ But we did not set sail until a week later, Feb. 18th. I find this date in *From Kirtland to Salt Lake City* by Fred Piercy, Artist.¹⁴ This Mr. Piercy was an Englishman, from London who drew the different scenes along the plains. He once showed me a stick which could be used as a walking cane or converted into a seat. This he used while making his sketches along the route from Kirtland to Salt Lake City.

When our ship was towed out and we had passed the Health Inspectors, said our last farewells and watched the waving handkerchiefs

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12. A song about gathering the righteous to Zion, entitled “Ye Elders of Israel” by Cyrus H. Wheelock (1813–1894). The chorus of the hymn is “O Babylon, O Babylon, we bid thee farewell. We’re going to the mountains of Ephraim to dwell.” Richard H. Cracroft and Neal E. Lambert, *A Believing People: Literature of the Latter-day Saints*, 273.
 13. Conway B. Sonne describes the 1850 voyage of the *Josiah Bradlee*: “Sailing from Liverpool on 18 February 1850, the Yankee square-rigger *Josiah Bradlee* out of Boston carried 263 Mormon passengers. Captain Charles Mansfield commanded the vessel. . . . After a passage of fifty-nine days, during which there were five deaths, one birth, and two marriages, the *Josiah Bradlee* arrived 18 April at New Orleans.” The three-masted ship had two decks and was built in 1849 in Medford, Massachusetts. Conway B. Sonne, *Ships, Saints, and Mariners: A Maritime Encyclopedia of Mormon Migration, 1830–1890*, 123–24.
 14. Mary Lois seems to have interchanged the author and title of two different books. The title she refers to is by James A. Little, *From Kirtland to Salt Lake City* (Salt Lake City: James A. Little, 1890). The author that she refers to is Frederick Hawkins Piercy, *Route from Liverpool to Great Salt Lake Valley: Illustrated with Steel Engravings and Wood Cuts from Sketches Made by Frederick Piercy . . . : Together with a Geographical and Historical Description of Utah, and a Map of the Overland Routes to That Territory from the Missouri River: Also an Authentic History of the Latter-Day Saints’ Emigration from Europe from the Commencement up to the Close of 1855, with Statistics* (Liverpool: Franklin D. Richards; London: Latter-day Saints’ Book Depot, 1855).

fade into the distance while we sang in chorus "Yes, my native land, I love thee", we began to be concious of a queer sensation which all would like to have avoided, and were glad to descent to our berths below and lie down.¹⁵ While lying there ill of sea-sickness, we could hear our boxes sliding about with tins rattling as an accompaniment, and as we felt the ship heave and groan, we felt what helpless specks we were on the bosom of the Mighty Deep.

Our company was organized into three wards, English Welsh, and Scottish, with Thomas Day presiding. I think Abel Evans, a great ecclesiastical leader among the Welsh must have been in charge of the Welsh people on board this vessel, as he was with their company. He is the father of the Evans family of Lehi, Utah.

With us also were Bro. James Needham, then but a stripling with his young bride [Alice Warburton Needham], his venerable father [James Needham] and mother [Mary Armitage Needham], his brother Arthur [Armitage Needham] and wife, and his sisters Alice and Sophia. Also James [Munro Pyper] and Alex [Alexander Crookshank] Pyper, fathers of the Salt Lake family of that name.

I associated a great deal with the Needhams, especially with Mrs. Arthur Needham, who was a very ladylike woman and made herself a pleasant companion for me. Her husband was a pianist and older than his brother James. They had no family. I used to associate too, with the Welsh people, especially with Miss Prothero, who was a gentle modest lady. She was fifteen years older than I. There was also a little girl on ship-board, who afterwards became the mother of Bishop Seddon, of the Fifth Ward, Salt Lake City.

You will understand from what has been said of our circumstances, that we should not be able to travel as First Class passengers. This necessitated laying in a supply of provisions before we left the shore, such as bacon, herrings, potatoes, butter, sugar, rice, oat-meal, etc., not forgetting sea-biscuits, or "hard-tack" as it is sometimes called. The latter was rightly named, for I remember how it made the muscles of my face ache, even up to my temples to masticate it. This was our principle article of diet, and had to be used on account of the duration of the journey, nearly three months, and it kept perfectly.

You will understand also that the supply of fresh water was necessarily limited, since enough had to be taken to last for so long a time, therefore it was measured out, perhaps as little as a pint of drinking water per day for each person. This measured water had to be used for cooking, all of which we did for ourselves. Sometimes we had trouble, when cooking

15. A song entitled, "The Missionary's Farewell." The first line is "Yes, my native land I love thee." Patricia Pate Havlice, *Popular Song Index*, 453.

such things as rice or beans, which absorb so much water, and would not have been sufficient to finish cooking them properly. The cooking was done on a sheet iron stove, about the size of an ordinary kitchen table, in a small room about the size of an ordinary pantry. Many would be cooking at the same time, and people had to stand and watch their own things lest someone should come and put their things back to give their own the better place.

The ship furnished a cook to attend to the fire and superintend things and assist the passengers. Father had learned to cook at home when a boy with his mother and considering the Galley, where the cooking was done, an unfit place for women, did our cooking himself. The only way of going to and from the galley was by means of a large ship ladder. You can imagine the difficulty of carrying the hot food from the galley, which was on deck down the ladder to our berths in the steerage. Fortunate indeed was the individual who possessed a good stock of patience, for you can see it would be needed under these trying circumstances.

Mother was often solicited to prescribe and administer medicines to the sick on board. She was given free access to the Captain's medicine chest. He was pleased to consult with her with regard to the health of the passengers, to whom he was very kind. She even attended to one accouchment with great satisfaction to all parties concerned. This was the only maternity case during our passage, I think.

Mother, and the Captain, who was a perfect gentleman, enjoyed conversing together upon many topics, but I think it afforded her the greatest pleasure to converse with the steward, who was a handsome young Portuguese and who spoke French fluently. I have said before that mother used to speak that language in her childhood, hence the pleasure this would be to her.

The steward is quite an important official on shipboard, superintending the household matters, so to speak, of the ship. I can see him how, as he looked then, dressed in black clothes, white linen shirt, and long white linen apron, walking steadily, however much the ship rocked, his hands filled with dainty or choice dishes for the Captain's table, for upon him also devolved the duty of waiting upon the Captain at his meals.

I spent most of my time on deck when the weather would permit. Upon this deck was a long, low chicken coop, containing live fowls for use at the Captain's table. This coop was about as high as a bench and afforded us a good seat. I often sat here doing needlework, reading, or conversing with some one. I remember on day sitting here sewing and watching the chain lightning flashing across the sky, which would be the case for hours after a storm. As I sat working and humming a tune the Captain happened to notice me and remarked to mother "Mary is like Hope on the tomb". In the evening I so much enjoyed standing on the

deck looking at the stars and down into the deep blue waters which had the appearance of being full of stars, but which was really the phosphorus in the water. Oh, how I wished that I might study astronomy and thirsted for knowledge of all kinds.

I certainly enjoyed the voyage, and my health was very good after the first sea-sickness was over. I was fond of needlework and had also a nice book that my cousin, Joseph Godwin had given me before our departure. I also learned to walk steadily on the ship when it was rocking.

An expression of one of the passengers I shall always remember for I have proven it to be true. It was that "Industry brings contentment."

We were becalmed for some days in the Gulf of Mexico. The climate was very warm and yellow sea weed floated upon the surface of the blue water. The sea was so still that we could see sharks beneath the water.

We Reach Terra Firma

We reached New Orleans the latter part of April, after having been at sea about eight weeks.¹⁶ The Custom House officials came on board and looked through our trunks. While I was watching them one of the officers remarked to me;—"If you were in California you would be married in six months."¹⁷

The mosquitoes literally swarmed about us as we came near the mouth of the Mississippi. This same officer upon seeing this jokingly remarked, "Oh, they're cousining you."

Father went on land for a few hours, but mother and I remained on the ship till he came for us. Then we all landed. Here I saw bananas for the first time, but when I tasted them, I did not care for them.

It seemed strange to see most of the women wearing loose wrappers and long narrow sun bonnets called Virginia Wagon Covers. They were out doing their marketing in the morning before the heat of the day. In

16. An 1855 guidebook for Mormons emigrating from England to the Salt Lake Valley included New Orleans as part of the route. It stated that the "immense steam-boat traffic upon the Mississippi river, affords every facility to emigrants to proceed to St. Louis, without detention in New Orleans more than twelve hours at the furthest, as steamers start daily for that city, and sometimes three or four times in the day. The fares are from two to three dollars on deck, and from twelve to fifteen in the cabin." James Linforth, ed., *Route from Liverpool to Great Salt Lake Valley Illustrated with Steel Engravings and Wood Cuts from Sketches Made by Frederick Piercy*, 35-37.

17. Mary Lois arrived in New Orleans in April 1850. A year and a half earlier, in September 1848, newspapers first began publishing news about the gold fields in California. By spring 1849, thousands of men had gone to California to seek their fortunes. With few exceptions, the men traveled without wives or families. The population of California rose from fourteen thousand non-Indians before the discovery of gold in January 1848 to more than two hundred fifty thousand non-Indians by 1852. Eric Foner and John A. Garraty, eds., *The Reader's Companion to American History*, 454.

the afternoon they remained indoors but in the evening they would dress up and go out. It seemed delightful to have plenty of fresh water, after having been scrimped for so long.

We boarded the steamboat "St. Louis" to go up the river to the city of St. Louis.¹⁸ This comparatively short journey, as it would seem now, took us three days longer than one can travel from Liverpool to New York today. The river was very muddy, but the water was soft and pleasant to use.

Now we could have fresh bread and plenty of good eggs. These eggs we beat up and used in our coffee instead of cream. We appreciated these comforts after our long ocean voyage.

The scenery along the river was delightful, changing every moment. There were trees in endless varieties and many negro huts, at the doors of which the families stood watching the steamboats pass. This was all very interesting and picturesque. The boat stopped frequently to take on fresh fuel and to receive passengers and freight. Then the negro boat hands would haul on the great split oak logs about five feet long, singing as they worked. Their singing was a sort of low chant, keeping time with their movements and very different to the singing of the sailors on board the ship.

It was the custom at that time for steamboats to run races up the river, and explosions were often the result. Our boat ran a race with another boat. The lady who nursed me when my son Nephi [Lowell Morris] was born related her experience upon such an occasion when coming up the Mississippi River on board the steamboat Saluda. The boat took fire and she had to cross a narrow plank to shore with two little children. In her fear and excitement she held her babe so tightly to her breast that she found it was dead when she reached the river bank.

While we were on the boat St. Louis, a Mr. Sylvester Kitteridge used to come to our quarters and talk with us. He was a tall, well built, handsome man, dignified and intelligent, but unassuming withal. One day, during my absence, he told my mother that he loved her daughter. Of course I was very young and travelling, also was a Mormon, and the matter was not to be considered. There was another pleasant looking young man who used to come and talk to us. He was a watchman on the boat and often brought us nice things from the Cabin. I have forgotten his name but there is a pleasing recollection of him in my mind.

18. Mary Lois and her family came up the Mississippi from New Orleans on a steamboat, landing in St. Louis, Missouri, on May 2, 1850. Between 1840 and 1855, Mormons emigrating from Great Britain to America often landed in New Orleans. From there, steamboats "took the emigrants up the Mississippi River . . . landing them at points along the Missouri River to the localities designated as outfitting places for the saints crossing the plains to the Rocky Mountains." Jenson, *Encyclopedic History*, 516–17; "Sailing Vessels and Steamboats," in OPH, 12:450.

Some fine looking colored girls were also on board, slaves no doubt, going to be sold or bought by some one. Father gave them money, as was the custom for white people to do, and asked them if white men ever married them. They told him that they did. How little did we know of the customs of white slave owners.

Altogether, we had quite an enjoyable trip up the river, and landed in St. Louis, Missouri, on the 2nd of May, 1850.

We were entertained for a time by our friends, Bro. and Sister Williams, with whom I had visited in Cheshire, England, when a child. There was also a family named Dunn, who had been neighbors in Manchester. They were faithful Latter-Day Saints and are related to the Dunns and Stubbs of Provo, Utah. Soon, however, we rented a house on 5th Street, between Car and Biddle Streets. The Sunday following our arrival in St. Louis we attended a Latter Day Saints meeting in Music Hall and there Nathaniel H. [Henry] Felt was preaching his farewell sermon, prior to his departure for Utah. This was about the 4th of May, 1850

I suppose Henry Clay must have been running for President, for I remember seeing a conveyance going up the street, bearing his name in large letters.¹⁹

On the 4th of July following I was very ill and it seemed to me that every cannon that was fired went through my nervous system. I felt relieved at the thought of evening approaching. As I have said, mother remarked that every cannon that was fired was aimed at the English. But I had adopted America as my country and cared not for past grievances.

St. Louis was a regular gathering place for the Saints who were intending to go to the "Valley". Here they would stay and work to get means to purchase an outfit for their long journey across the plains.²⁰ Here we found many people who had been father's friends while he was traveling as an Elder in the different conferences in England. Among others was Sister [Jane Pattenden] Tuckett and her family. She was the

19. Henry Clay (1777–1852), a leader of the Whig party, ran for president unsuccessfully five times. While he was not a presidential candidate in 1850 as Mary Lois recalled, he was prominent at that time because of his part in brokering the Compromise of 1850, which dealt with the question of slavery in the territory gained in the Mexican War. Foner, *The Reader's Companion to American History*, 190–91, 209–10.

20. An 1855 guidebook for Mormons emigrating from England to the Salt Lake Valley included St. Louis on the route, stating, "St. Louis has been for years the residence of numbers of L.D. Saints, some of them emigrants from different parts of the world, on their way to Nauvoo, Council Bluffs, or Utah, and many of them American converts. Owing to the rapid advancement of the city the unemployed have found labour, and many have thus completed their outfit for the remainder of their journey. At the present time there are between 1300 and 1400 in the city and vicinity." Linforth, *Route from Liverpool to Great Salt Lake Valley*, 57.

mother of Bro. Henry Tuckett, Sen. and his brother Charles Tuckett, both of Salt Lake City. I think they were from the London conference.

Everybody had to work, and those who could not obtain employment at their trade must turn to whatever presented itself. Father obtained the agency for a kind of photography which had recently been invented and was quite successful in securing orders, for which he received a commission. From Sister Tuckett's daughter Jane [Tuckett], an interesting little girl in her teens, I heard of a vacancy in a most excellent family, where a girl was wanted to take care of the children and attend to the chamber work. I applied for and obtained the situation and went there on the 11th of September, 1850. Before going father called mother and me, and together we bowed on our knees and he asked the Lord to give me favor in the sight of the family where I was about to enter as help. So under that influence I left the parental roof.

Life in St. Louis

I remember how beautiful that month of September was when I, a girl of fifteen, went out into the world to earn my living and help my father to secure our outfit to cross the great plains. I did not mind work and loved children, so there were pleasant times to follow, provided that I was with the right kind of people and received proper treatment at their hands.

The lady for whom I had engaged to work was a Mrs. Horace Howard [Mary Grizwell Haven] Jenks, nee Mary Grizwell Haven. Her mother was an English lady, and her father one of the rich men of New York. She was a young widow of about thirty years of age, medium height, had rather light brown hair, blue eyes and a fair complexion. She was modest and unassuming in her manner and a perfect lady. She lived upon her income and her household consisted, besides herself, of three small children, Ellen Augusta, Charles Haven, and Horace Howard, a babe in arms. Also Miss Mary [Orne] Jenks, sister of Mr. [Horace Howard] Jenks, deceased, a woman about sixty years of age. Then there was Caroline Peckham, the cook and myself. This Miss Peckham was a cousin of the Tuckett family and afterwards became Mrs. Tom Seddon, of the 6th Ward, Salt Lake City.

Miss Mary Jenks was the real house-keeper, for although Mrs. Jenks stood at the head, she devoted her entire time to her children. I heard her say that she liked to have Mormons work for her, and also that she liked English people. Miss Jenks was rather cross and fidgety, but Mrs. Jenks I loved. Miss Peckham was a good girl and very kind and we got along well together.

When I was sent upstairs to do the chamber work, I noticed small piles of silver change on the different mantels. This pleased me, and I understood by it that these ladies wanted to test the honesty of their new help. As I had been reared in the most rigid honor it was gratifying to me to have the opportunity to prove myself to them.

My first duty each morning was to kindle a fire in the nursery, prepare the morning bath for the children, help them to dress and take them to school. On my return I would put the nursery, bed-rooms and parlor in order, tend the lovely baby and then go and fetch the children home from school. There was another little child that I used to take to school, beautiful little Molly Jenks, a cousin of the other children and daughter of Mr. George Washington Jenks, Miss Mary Jenks' brother. Molly's mother was a cute little dark eyed, rosy cheeked woman, as cheery as spring flowers. At Christmas time she made a little silk pin-cushion for me. When she gave it to me she said;—"Mary, I give this to you for being so kind to my little Molly when she goes to school, helping her over the ditches". Mrs. Jenks would often take me to market with her, and as I loved her I enjoyed it immensely. She cared so little for finery that she would go out in the morning as plainly dressed as myself.

Mrs. Jenks was as anxious to have persons of rigid honor to take care of her children as my parents had been to have their children associate with people of that kind, so we mutually appreciated each others qualities.

Sometimes father came and spent the evening with us. That winter the weather was so severe that he said he had to saw our bread at home. The ground was covered with frost for several months.

One evening as he was leaving the door he slipped and broke his leg. Fortunately he had brought a Bro. Rushton with him, so he helped father home.

When Christmas time came I received presents from all the family. Mrs. Jenks gave me a dress pattern and Miss Jenks a grey silk scarf with blue silk velvet stripes across the ends. I received a pair of scissors from little Master Charles, an egg of perfumed soap from Sissy, as the little daughter was called, and a very good dressing comb from sweet baby Horace. The soap I kept and used for my first baby.

After Christmas, Mrs. Jenks began to consider preparations for a contemplated visit to her relatives in the East. In this event they wanted someone who could do more work than I was able to do, in my place. I rather think they wanted someone who could assist with the sewing. When I first went there they gave me a dusting cloth to hem, I suppose in order to test my ability in that direction. I did it and was not ashamed to let anyone examine the stitches.

When my parents learned that I should probably soon be leaving Mrs. Jenks my father wrote a letter to her and addressing her in a most respectful manner, he said, amongst other things;—"Thine is a house of prudence, thine is a house of virtue", and also, "How often we leave true happiness to seek for imaginary bliss", meaning that she was happy there, but might not be so, if she moved away. He continued, using the Quaker

style,—“If it pleaseth thee that my child remaineth with thee, it is well, and if not, it is well.”

Then engaged another Mormon girl, about ten years older than I, to take my place. She came about a week before I left so that I could teach her the ways of the house. Miss Jenks very pleasantly remarked during this week while we were both there “Many hands make labor light”, to which I meekly replied “Yes, ma’am”. When the time was up I went home.

One morning, about a week later, a rap came at the door and upon opening it we saw Mrs. Jenks, who had come to ask me if I would not go back, as the work of my successor had not been satisfactory. I was pleased to do so as I loved and highly esteemed them. She seemed pleased to notice when she called, that I was wearing at my side the pair of scissors she had given me, for I was busy at making the dress they had given me. Mrs. Jenks’ husband had come from New England and they seemed proud of this fact.

So I returned to my duties and as the spring approached Mrs. Mason, a seamstress, was engaged to come and assist with the sewing. Miss Peckham was to accompany Mrs. Jenks to take care of the baby and in a very kind manner I was asked if I should not like to remain with Miss Jenks and do the general housework. while Mrs. Jenks was away. I did not care to do so as I was not very fond of Miss Jenks, although I had never had any unpleasantness with her, but as I did not like to refuse Mrs. Jenks anything I consented to stay.

The day of the departure, while Miss Jenks accompanied them to the station, I was requested to clean the dining room. Upon her return I had almost finished my task and had not wasted a moment, for mother had always taught me to work, not with eye service, as men pleasers, but as unto God. However, I suppose she thought I had been a long time over it, for she remarked rather impatiently, “Is this all you have done?” I had made up my mind that if I did stay I would not take as much from her as I had in the past, so I answered firmly, “Yes, ma’am, but I have done it well.” She took this gentle hint, and after that was very kind to me, helping me in many ways with my work.

Soon we received word that Mrs. Jenks had decided to remain, and wished to know if I would not go East, to New York, and live with her. I loved her enough to go a long distance to oblige her, but my parents did not wish me to go, so I gave up the idea at once.

When Miss Jenks and I parted, she dais, and I knew it came from her heart, “Good-bye, Mary, you have been a good girl, wouldn’t you like to write to us?” I should like to have done so, but feared I could not write well enough.

When Miss Peckham returned Mrs. Jenks sent me two beautiful presents. One was a daintily embroidered chimisette of fine white mate-

rial and a pink and white striped satin ribbon to go with it, and also a blue and white waist ribbon.

When the furniture was auctioned off a lady expressed a wish that she might engage the girl who had done their housework. But I was not at every lady's service.

In the summer of 1888 I did work in the Manti Temple for Miss Jenks and had that of her brother Horace Howard Jenks to attend to, but I could not do anything for my beloved Mrs. Jenks, as she was only fifteen years older than I, and the ruling is that if you are not positive of the death of a person for whom you wish to do a work, that at least one hundred years must be allowed for their age. At that time I was only fifty three so that she would have been about sixty eight years old and in all possibility still alive. I intend to have this matter hunted up and if she is dead, to do the work for her

After leaving Mrs. Jenks I was recommended to a Mrs Bertis who lived in affluence in a beautiful home. When I called I found her sick of an intermittant fever. She was a very interesting lady but in speaking of the work that I should be required to do I found that I was expected to wait on table. This I could not brook. The idea of coming in contact with strangers was more than I could bear. She tried to make me see how easy it would be, but I did not accept the position.

Mrs. Mason, the seamstress at Mrs. Jenks' told me of a place where help was wanted. I applied but engaged only on trial. When I was fairly established I found that I was not only expected to do all the house work but also to clean all the rooms after the workmen, for the house had been undergoing repairs. To do this I had to work night and day. I believe they were poor, for I heard the lady acknowledge to a friend that they had to take in work. The mother and a pretty young daughter, who had been very ill, worked all day in a dismal looking bed room, and I seldom saw them except when they ordered their meals.

There were two sons, Warn, or Warren, and Bub. Odd names, they seemed to me. I remember hearing one of them remark that on a certain day he would have a sum of money, but just then he "Hadn't a red cent." They were boat hands, or to use their own expression, they "ran on the river". In my press of work I retired one night at three o'clock and rose at five. The nights were short and warm, and my bed a mattress laid on the floor, but I was glad to get a little rest in my room anyhow.

Besides all this work that was piled on my sixteen year old shoulders these boys allowed me the privilege of cutting the wood, which made me look upon them with feelings akin to contempt and I thought them fine specimens of American gallantry. Of course I did not stay there very long. I only received two dollars a week but managed to clothe myself quite neatly and save a little besides. I bought myself a white straw cottage bon-

net, white gloves and a pale blue dress (the one I have my picture taken in) and a dark satin fringed parasol, changeable satin, green and purple.

The young men wore fine white tucked shirts, trousers and belts, with straw hats. The weather being so warm they seldom wore vests or coats. As I passed along the street I would notice them turn and look at me but I had the satisfaction of holding my parasol so they could not see my face. Some of my friends suggested that I ought to have white slippers to wear with this dress but I thought that too foppish and would not do so.

I think I went home with fourteen dollars, which I gave to father to help to get our outfit for crossing the plains. We always had this object in view and I remember, when we were tempted to make little expenditures, father would say;—"Remember the wagon wheels".

Mother's Illness and Death

That summer my dear mother was taken ill. I tended her with loving care but on Monday morning, August 11th, after I had made up the lounge and made her comfortable there and was making up the bed on the other side of the room, something told me that mother would die. I was not dismayed, for with this impression, came a spirit of sweet peace and I felt that it was best that she should go and be at rest from her troubles.

Previous to this I had prayed with all the fervor of my eager young heart that the Lord would spare her life to reach the home of the Saints. Little did I know of the hardships, trials and privations of this long journey and the repetition of want and scarcity of the necessities of life which awaited our arrival here. But there was One who did know, and in His great mercy took her from that which she could not have endured.

When I had completed the arrangement of the room I went over to our dear friend and neighbor, Sister Williams, and told her of the impression I had received and returned immediately. Then I ventured to tell mother also. She made no reply but asked me for her writing desk. She looked for a paper upon which was some writing she wished me to see, but it was not there.

I told no one else of my impression. I remember going to the office of Doctor Rutherford, and leaving word upon a slate upon the door for him to call. He was a Scotchman and belonged to our church. He came and pronounced her ailment Typhus Fever.²¹ I remained alone with her all

21. Typhus fever refers to a group of infections caused by rickettsiae and characterized by severe headache, a widespread rash, prolonged high fever, and delirium. Epidemic typhus, transmitted by lice, was prevalent in overcrowded, unsanitary conditions such as were common in jails, hospitals, and ships and had a high mortality rate. In the nineteenth century, the treatments recommended for typhus were emetics and tonic medicines such as quinine. John Charles Gunn, *Gunn's New Family Physician, Or Home Book of Health*, 405-9.

day, but was not afraid, as the same spirit of peace remained with me. I had a little money of my own and was able to buy any little thing that I thought might add to her comfort. We had a little nursery lamp that I used in preparing her food or for heating water. A candle was used inside it.

I watched her by day and at night and took a pillow and rested on the floor near her couch, so that I might arise at any moment if she needed me. What would I give to know the feelings of my dear mother's heart, during the five days of her illness. I may know when we meet again.

On Thursday night father drew a chair up to her couch and asked her if she would be his in Eternity, but death was too near, and she had not the power to answer. At that time evidently, father knew about the eternity of the marriage covenant and was anxious to have mother sealed to him when we should reach the Valley, for they had not had their endowments and had therefore been married for time only.

That night mother became delirious. By morning there was a great change for the worse. Her face was flushed but her hands and feet cold and what few words she uttered were in a quick and unnatural manner but seemed to have reference to some pleasant recollections with regard to father. When the doctor came he said in a surprised manner "This is a bad case." I was prepared for it and it was no surprise to me, for when I felt her hands and feet cold, the sad truth came to me with new force and I felt that death was near.

She continued about the same all day. Bless her! She said very little during her entire illness, and never a murmur or complaint of any kind escaped her lips.

Just before five o'clock my brother Charles came over and said Sister Williams wished to see me as she was also sick in bed. I immediately went over and returned as quickly as possible but mother had passed away during my absence. If she was conscious at the last it must have been a consolation to her that her only son was near her for she loved him most tenderly. Father happened to be absent also just at the time, so Charles was the only one with her at the hour of her death, which occurred at five o'clock August 15th, 1851.

Our friend, Sister Eli Harrison, came over and helped to prepare her for burial. After she was laid out her dear face bore no trace of the sorrow and trials she had passed through but wore a sweet and peaceful expression.

About dark Bro. Williams came over and stayed with father while my brother and I went to spend the night at his home. I remember, if we put out the light, my brother seemed to be troubled by some unpleasant influence.

Mother was buried the following afternoon. Bro. and Sister Harrison, and as many of the Williams family as could attend were with

us. I think very likely the Naylor family was also present. In any case there were less than a dozen persons in attendance. The funeral was held at our home and her dear remains were laid to rest from life's care and woe in the cemetery in St. Louis, Mo.

May her mortal remains there rest in peace until the Resurrection morning, when I hope to be prepared to meet her who loved us so fondly. After our return from the cemetery it seemed as if the fountains of my young heart would burst, for I realized that my dear mother was gone from me indeed.

The remainder of the summer I stayed at home and worked at binding fine slippers. These were made of bronze leather, bound by hand with black silk ribbon and sewed with silk thread. It was quite a difficult task, as the weather was so warm that we had to use powder on our hands to keep them dry and to make it easier for the needle to go through the leather.

In the Fall, however, I went to do chamber work at a female seminary. This school was kept by a Rev. Dr. Crowell and his wife, assisted by several teachers. These were all ladies, except a Mr. Van Meter, teacher of Vocal Music. This Dr. Crowell was the gentleman who corresponded with Orson Spencer, which correspondence was subsequently published in book form under the title of *Spencer's Letters*.²²

The doctor and his wife were very nice people, but my work was no child's play.

The school was held in a fine large dwelling house which they rented for the purpose. A flight of broad stone steps led up to the front door which opened into two spacious parlors which were used as recitation rooms. They were carpeted in dark red, while the chairs, which filled the two rooms, were white and of elegant shape.

Before the hour at which school started in the morning it was my duty to sweep and dust these rooms and also the hall, and clean the grates and build the fires. When school had commenced my work was in the bedrooms, which were very cold to work in, as houses were not heated then as they are now.

A number of the students boarded there and among them I remember a Miss Wilder and two other young ladies, who were teachers, and whom I liked very much. One day, this Miss Wilder, Mrs. Crowell and I happened to meet at the front door, and as I stepped inside to allow the ladies to pass, Mrs. Crowell asked me how old I was, and when I told

22. Orson Spencer, *Letters Exhibiting the Most Prominent Doctrines of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints by Orson Spencer, A.B., in Reply to the Rev. William Crowel, A.M., Boston, Massachusetts, U.S.A.* (6th ed., Salt Lake City: George Q. Cannon and Sons, 1891), later reprinted under the title *Orson Spencer's Letters*.

her sixteen years, she turned to Miss Wilder and said, "Isn't she a perfect specimen of physical symmetry?" Of course I liked that.

One of the young ladies, whose name I cannot remember was a consumptive. I loved her and was willing to do anything I could for her. She was very nice to me. I think the Doctor and his wife were from Boston, and it was considered quite an advantage to St. Louis that people of so much culture should come out West and open such a nice school, so it is no wonder that they were well patronized. They reminded me of English people, and I shall never forget, in the midst of so many opportunities for education, how my heart yearned with a desire for learning and especially to study music.

The Doctor used to call all the household into the parlor every morning for devotional exercises.

From here I went to live with a family of the name of Hughes. The gentleman was Welsh but his wife was a rather comely American woman. They had two little children, the oldest a boy, and a little girl named Pauline. I was surprised to hear her say one day that she did not like the — children (using a very ugly word) but that Mr. Hughes liked them. She seemed to be a woman of some refinement, and always behaved as a perfect lady to me. She was a fine looking woman.

I think it was a Sunday night when I went there and had not been in the house long when Mr. Hughes asked me to sing, remarking, "Most English ladies sing." I sang one of my favorite songs,—*"She wore a wreath of roses."*²³ He remarked during the evening to his wife that I had no brogue. I replied that we were not allowed to use any.

Sometimes he would ask me what was preached in our meetings, and would try to tease me about gathering to Utah.

Mrs. Hughes was very kind and allowed me to do the work as I pleased, and would often talk to me and try to entertain me while I ironed in the dining room. She could sing quite nicely and accompanied herself upon the accordion. If she did not like the children she was always good to them.

One day a well dressed, intelligent Irishman came there to board. Soon after, one morning, at breakfast, he and Mrs. Hughes began praising the biscuits we had for breakfast. "Yes", said Mr. McClanahan, for that was his name, "and Mary is a very nice girl." And then in the presence of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes he asked me to marry him. I told him, "No." At another time he came into the kitchen and putting his arm over my shoulder asked me again if I would not marry him. I told him NO without

23. "She Wore a Wreath of Roses" by Thomas Haynes Bayly (1795–1839) and Joseph Philip Knight (1812–1887). The first line is "She Wore a Wreath of Roses." Havlice, *Popular Song Index*, first supp. (1978), 251; Michael Kilgarriff, *Sing Us One of the Old Songs: A Guide to Popular Song, 1860–1920*, 397, 466.

even turning around. Another morning after breakfast and in the present of Mr. and Mrs. Hughes, he again asked me if I would not marry him in preference to going to Utah. I told him I preferred to go to Salt Lake to marrying any man. One Sunday, as I was returning from meeting I saw him on the street and was so afraid that he would come and walk with me that I prayed that he might not, and he did not. He afterwards told Mrs. Hughes that he saw me but was afraid that I should not be pleased, so did not come and walk with me. He left there soon after. I think the whole thing was planned by him and Mr. Hughes. In fact, Mr. Hughes admitted as much to me later, saying that Mr. McClanahan had come there for that purpose, although I could not sense it at the time.

I used to sleep in the dining room while living here, and so anxious was I to get at my work in the morning that I used to say my prayers overnight for the next morning and rose about five o'clock, an hour or two before daylight.

It was Sunday evening when I went to their home, and it was Sunday evening when I left, March 15th, 1852. I left with the intention of preparing for our trip across the plains.

That same evening I called with my father, after meeting, to see our friends Bro. Eli Harrison and his wife. They introduced us to a Bro. [John Thomas] Morris, from North Wales, who was visiting at their home. Taking his proffered hand I made this rather uncomplimentary remark;—"They say that the North Welsh people are very deceitful." "Perhaps they are", was his prompt response. To speak in this manner was little less than an insult, and a strange way of receiving an introduction to a young gentleman.

This was my reason:—Two years previous to this time I had crossed the sea in company with a party of Saints from North and South Wales and the people from South Wales used to make this assertion with regard to the North Welsh. The moment I met Mr. Morris, I had the impression that he would become my husband, and I spoke in this discourteous way to test his metal. On the other hand Mr. Morris, at the moment of our meeting, had the assurance that I should become his wife, so perhaps that is why he took my remark so lightly.

A few days later, while my father and I were on our way to spend the day with a Sister Hueish, we passed by a house where Bro. Harrison was working as a painter and decorator. Hearing someone call to us and turning round we saw Bro. Harrison who invited us to come in and see the work, as the house was undergoing some repairs. Here too, we found Mr. Morris, who was assisting Bro. Harrison. We merely passed the time of day and departed. After spending a pleasant day with Sister Hueish, who was an old acquaintance of father's from his missionary days in England, we returned about nine o'clock, calling in at Bro. Harrison's as was our custom.

Bro. Harrison then handed me a letter from Bro. Morris. The

moment I received it I knew its contents, although I did not open it until after our return home, about midnight.

After reading it, I handed it to father, but said nothing. Father then read it and said;—"I will answer that note."

It was written on rather stiff cream colored paper, about six inches square, with the corners cut off. Mr. Morris was an artist and in the center of the sheet he had painted a beautiful red apple, streaked with yellow. The note was begun in the usual way at the top of the paper and continued around the apple, in a free, handsome handwriting as follows:—

St. Louis, Mo.
March 1850 [1852].

Dearly Beloved Mary Walker:—

These are	the feelings
of my heart	towards you.
I wish us	to be one
in life	and in
Eternity.	If this
accords	with your
mind	please write
a note	and send
it with	the bearer.

Yours Thoroughly,
John T. Morris.

I considered this note frank, sincere and laconic. My mother had always warned me against flattery from men. In this there was none. I considered it the expression of an honest man, but as father had said that he would answer it I took no action in the matter. Days, and perhaps more than a week passed, and still father had made no reply to the note. But I rather think that Mr. Morris was not as unconcerned as I was, for every day or two, I believe at his suggestion, Bro. Harrison would speak to me about it. Once, in a rather impatient manner he made this remark to me:—"He", meaning Mr. Morris, "does not want to marry thy father, he wants to marry THEE."

Finally, becoming weary of Bro. Harrison's constant reminding I said to father, rather impatiently, "Mr. Morris is a respectable person, and he deserves civil treatment". I suppose then father thought he had better do something, for he could see that I was in earnest for I had never before, to my recollection, spoken in an unbecoming way to my father.



*Mary Lois Walker,
age seventeen, and her
father, William Gibson
Walker, in St. Louis,
Missouri, about 1852.*

Courtesy of the Ashton Family Organization

The next day, I think it was, he sat down and wrote to Mr. Morris, a very kind and respectful letter but telling him, among other things, that whoever had me for a wife must be in his (meaning father's) kingdom. This doctrine was very little understood by many of the Saints but father had given the matter some thought and felt that he did not wish to part with his child either in this life or the life to come.

Mr. Morris, however, being a man of good sense, did not bother about this particular part of father's letter.

Weeks and months passed and we seldom saw each other. One evening he called, bringing with him a Bro. Wilson, from Great Salt Lake. This gentleman was boarding at the same hotel as Mr. Morris, and proved to be a good and pleasant person, whose company father and I enjoyed very much. We were always pleased to meet Saints from the Valley.

Mr. Wilson made this remark, one evening, when I killed a cockroach that happened to be crawling across the floor:—"Do you know, that little creature loves life as well as you do?"

This remark made a deep impression upon me, and has had an influence upon my life ever since. Bro. Wilson and Bro. Morris continued to call at intervals for some time. Father and I would often walk part of the way back to the hotel where they boarded, with them.

On one of these evenings, father was walking with Bro. Wilson and I with Bro. Morris. Amongst other things our conversation turned on a young couple of our acquaintance. The young lady in question had been flirting with other young men while supposed to be engaged to the one under discussion. I made the remark in a very emphatic way:—"I do not believe in that". He replied, "I think you are pretty smart, but I wish you would answer that note I sent you."

This request, made at a moment when I was not expecting anything of the kind, embarrassed me, for I was not at all prepared to answer it, so I made no reply, for I had not yet decided on the matter.

During the next few days I thought a great deal and prayed constantly for Divine guidance in making my decision. On the Saturday following I prayed at intervals all day. It was a time of very solemn thought for me, for I realized that my decision at this time would affect my whole life. I looked the matter over in all its bearings and finally, in the afternoon, I wrote the following note to him;—

Betrothal

Mr. Morris.

Dear Sir,—

You have asked me if I am willing to become your wife. I am. The question was asked, it is now answered. I need say no more.

Yours truly,

Mary L. Walker

That evening Mr. Morris came to see me and brought a bouquet of beautiful roses. I quietly handed him the note, but said nothing. He took the note and read it. During the evening we went up town for a walk and he bought me a beautiful little silver portemonnaie, or purse. On the sides was a raised design of a basket of flowers with a wreath of roses around the basket. The compartments inside were lined with red silk and edged with fine black kid. I had never seen anything so exquisite before, and of course I appreciated it very much. After our return, we were standing at the door, I on the step above him. As he was about to depart he slipped up and stole his first kiss. I was quite shocked, but on consideration, concluded he had a right to do so, if men ever have a right to steal a kiss.

Sometimes Mr. Morris would bring other young men with him to see if I preferred them to him. I did not understand why he did this at the time and often wondered at it, but when I found out I thought it pretty smart of him.

My engagement ring was a heavy gold band called a "keeper" embossed with a sort of shield upon which were engraved my initials M.L.W.

We then exchanged daguerreotype likenesses. Mine was the one that my enlarged picture was made from and his was the only one that I have in my possession. He was about twenty-five when his was taken and I about seventeen when mine was taken.

All was not smooth sailing. Although father made no objection to our engagement he was not always agreeable when Mr. Morris called on me. I think that this was due to the fact that he could not bear to be parted from his child. He once told me that was his reason for deferring his answer to Mr. Morris's note for so long.

On account of my father's attitude, to save unpleasantness, when we were going out together, we would sometimes arrange to meet in town, instead of Mr. Morris calling for me. This touched my dignity, but we had some pleasant times, in spite of this fact.

I believe that my father's feelings had their influence upon me for sometimes I feared that I did not love my betrothed as I thought I should, and I felt that I would rather not marry at all than wrong the man I married by not giving him my whole heart. I wondered what I ought to do, and having no mother to confide in, I naturally turned to my father and asked his advice by writing to him, as I felt that I could not talk to him upon so delicate a subject. He answered my letter verbally and advised me by no means to break off my engagement. He told me that affection was sometimes stronger upon one side than the other, and made this remark;—which I did not enjoy hearing:—"In many cases wives love their husbands more than the husbands love their wives". At this time he made another remark which made a deep impression upon me and which I have referred to elsewhere in this sketch. It was this:—"Those who honor God, God will honor2.

This was a test of my father's feelings also, for if he had wanted me not to marry Mr. Morris he had a good opportunity to use his influence in that direction, but no, he advised me otherwise, and with his sanction I felt like letting things take their course.

I suppose many young people have doubts and fears and little trials during their courtship.

Father Returns to England

We gave up the idea of going to the Valley that season as father went to England on business and expected to be gone all the winter. He gave me money to pay the rent and to buy coal, expecting that I should support myself, as I had done before, but to my surprise advised me not to marry. After he had gone I looked the situation squarely in the face. Here am I, I thought, living alone, engaged to be married, my betrothed coming to see me, as was his right, and willing to marry me at once except for my father's council to the contrary. My own common sense told me that if

only for my good name's sake, I should either marry soon or discontinue my association with him, whose wife I had promised to become.

Oh, my mother! If thou couldst have known the shortsightedness of thy spouse in his advice to thy child, the grave could not have held thee!

On the 15th of August, 1852 my mother had been dead one year. That evening we set the date of our marriage for September 5th. Mr. Morris being an artist, I submitted some samples of dress materials for my wedding dress to him for his approval. He made choice of a very pretty pattern, but one which I, with my Quaker training, considered rather gay. But concluding that my taste might be rather one-sided, I selected the one of his choice. The material was called barege-delaine and was very thin and gauzy. The background was a pale cloudy blue with pink roses not more than an inch in size. This dress, with a black silk scarf and a white bonnet, constituted my wedding suit.

Marriage

We were married, immediately after meeting, about four o'clock on Sunday afternoon, September 5th, 1852, by Elder William Gibson, then president of the St. Louis Conference. We rented one room in the house in which our friends Bro. and Sister Harrison lived.

After our marriage my husband told me that he had prayed for a wife who might be clean, healthy and a good Mormon. Mark the simple earnest language of this young man of foreign birth.

He soon wrote home to tell his parents of his marriage. He told me what he wanted to say and so I put it into rhyme for him. This is how it ran:—

“I was married on the fifth of September
The day, long expected, I shall ever remember,
To a girl, the age of seventeen,
The sweetest girl that ever I've seen.
Mary Walker was her name,
She was without gold or fame,
A Mormon she is, in deed and heart,
And from the truth she ne'er intends to part.”

After our marriage, my husband would tell me of having dreamed that he had married some other girl of his acquaintance, but that upon awakening he was thankful to find that he had the one whom the Lord had given him, in answer to prayer.

Forebodings

About two weeks after we had been married an impression came to me that my husband would die. Indeed I might have thought of this before, as he had some sort of lung trouble but I naturally supposed he would get better after a while. He said that at one time after having walked a long distance, which caused him to perspire, he rode on a stage coach in the rain. The result was a heavy cold, which in spite of careful nursing settled upon his lungs and ultimately developed into consumption. From our first acquaintance he had been candid with me regarding his condition, but had I foreseen what the final result would be I would not have forsaken him for that.

So the winter wore on without any very bright prospect before us.

Arrival of Relatives

In the spring we received word that my husband's family was coming to Utah, and in April they arrived. Besides his parents there was his sister Barbara [Elizabeth Morris] and brother Hugh [Conway Morris], these being the only unmarried children in the family. Our meeting was a very pleasant one, for in loving my husband I loved all who belonged to him.

My Husband's Family

My husband's father [John Morris] was of medium height, well built, had light brown hair, blue eyes, fair complexion and rosy cheeks. He looked very happy, when he said, in his best English:—"I am proud of my daughter-in-law."

My husband's mother [Barbara Thomas Morris] was very small in stature, with curly hair, grey eyes, an olive complexion and very smooth skin and a rather dignified nose. She had her feelings well under control and was a person of few words. She was a woman of ability and a natural artist.

Father Morris, your grandfather, had worked his way up from a mason's laborer to a contractor and bridge builder. He was a man of industrious habits, full of integrity for the Gospel and fond of children.

My sister-in-law, Barbara, was small also but quite interesting. She was nineteen years old the month after their arrival. Her hair was brown, eyes grey, a good complexion and teeth, a shapely figure and a particularly attractive manner. Her brother, Hugh Conway, was also small of stature, had rather light hair, aquiline nose and was quite good looking. I cannot say that his eyes were either blue or grey, as he had one blue eye and one grey. He had had more educational advantages than his brothers, or had more time for study and was very intelligent. In fact he reminded one of a college student.

We soon began to arrange for our "trip to the Valley" as it was then called. My husband's family had paid their way from Liverpool to Salt

Lake, in what was called the “Ten Pound Company”, but how were my husband and I to go?²⁴ Winter is not a very brisk season for painters and the spring work had hardly begun. However, we heard of a neighbor, whose wife had emigrated in the “Ten Pound Company” but was desirous of remaining in St. Louis, as her husband and daughter, who had preceded her some time previous, were not prepared to go on to the Valley at that time.

To the Valley

My husband therefore purchased the half way ticket for me and on the 17th May, 1853, Father and Mother Morris, their son Hugh Conway, daughter Barbara and I left for the city of St. Louis, Mo. for the home of the Saints in the Great Salt Lake Valley.²⁵

After about a weeks travel we arrived in Keokuk.²⁶ We spent the night in what must have been a baggage shed for there was merchandise of great variety stowed away all about us and we were awakened at dawn by the crowing of roosters. I was sad because I did not know whether I

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24. Because of the desire of so many Mormons to emigrate to Utah, church leaders decided to reduce the cost for British converts to emigrate to Utah in 1883 to ten pounds per person. Polly Aird explains, “The cheap price was based on reducing everything to a minimum: no extra food and more people per wagon and milk cow, which meant each person could take less luggage and would receive less milk.” Men were also sent ahead to buy the supplies and teams at a discounted bulk rate. The plan allowed each person over eight years old to take only “one hundred pounds of luggage—including bedding, clothing, cooking utensils, and tools.” Unlike other immigrating plans, the teams and wagons belonged to the immigrants. As a result of cutting costs, the Ten-Pound Company’s wagons were overloaded, and they experienced food shortages during their journey. In 1853 more than 41 percent of the emigrants, as many as 957 people, came across the plains in this manner. Aird cites Mary Lois Morris’s memoir as one of seven surviving accounts of the Ten-Pound and Thirteen-Pound companies in 1853 and 1854. Linforth, *Route from Liverpool to Great Salt Lake Valley*, 12; Polly Aird, “Bound for Zion: The Ten- and Thirteen-Pound Emigrating Companies, 1853–1854,” 305–25.
 25. Records of the Joseph Young pioneer company are in “Utah, Pioneer Companies,” *Journal History*, September 22, 1853, 1–6; October 10, 1853, 1–27. Several other accounts of members of the company survive, including John V. Adams, “Story of the Plains,” in *OPH*, 10:125–27 and Joseph W. Young Emigrating Company, *Journal*, 124–26. For the route of the Mormon Trail, see S. Kent Brown, Donald Q. Cannon, and Richard H. Jackson, eds., *Historical Atlas of Mormonism*, 76.
 26. In 1853, the town of Keokuk, located in southeast Iowa, was the point of departure for Mormon emigrants heading west. Until 1853, Mormons crossing the plains got outfitted for their journey in Kanesville, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Because merchants and traders in Council Bluffs “had commenced a system of inordinate speculation upon emigrants” and because of “the somewhat dangerous ascent” of the Missouri River, in 1853 the point of outfit was changed to Keokuk, along the Mississippi River. This change greatly increased the distance traveled on land through Iowa. Linforth, *Route from Liverpool to Great Salt Lake Valley*, 59; Stanley B. Kimball, *Historic Sites and Markers along the Mormon and Other Great Western Trails*, 48.

should meet my husband again before we reached our journey's end or not but I was willing to make the sacrifice, come what might. From here we moved to Montrose where we stayed until the company's outfitting was all completed.²⁷ This consisted of purchasing cattle, wagons and provisions for our one thousand miles journey across the plains.

One evening I was taking a little walk a short distance from the Camp and saw a number of persons coming towards us, one of them proving to be, to my great delight, my dear husband. In this I felt that the Lord had accepted our sacrifice but did not require of us as much as we were willing to endure. And here is a valuable lesson;—to be willing to do the will of God is often all that he requires. At Montrose we met for the first time our future beloved and highly esteemed captain Joseph W. [Watson] Young, son of Lorenzo Dow Young and nephew of Pres. Brigham Young.²⁸ He was a man of medium height, medium complexion, manner grave and unassuming. He had a beautiful wife with him but she was an invalid, which perhaps accounted for his grave demeanor.

Before we started he gave us this advice.—“Contend with no one, pray for those who are set over you and they will prove a blessing unto you”.

He was a young man when he said that, but in the fifty years which have elapsed since then I have proved his words to be true.

When we had been some time on the plains he called us together to talk to us as a leader must talk to those who are under his guidance. Amongst other things he said was;—“A man who talks about doing ‘his share of the work’ should be fed with a teaspoon and sleet with his mother!” Once of twice I caught a glimpse of his beautiful wife as I passed their covered wagon.

We had one wagon and one tent to ten persons. Our ration, or allowance of provisions, was one pound of flour and a portion of bacon each day, but we were at liberty to provide any extras we could afford. There was a commissary to every ten and a captain of every ten, also captains of fifty's who assisted Captain Young. The late Pres. John R. [Rex] Winder was captain of our fifty.

A great deal of patience was required by both captains and people to perform the trip of one thousand miles across the plains. We had four

27. In 1839, Montrose, Iowa, was settled by Mormons along with its sister city of Nauvoo, Illinois, on the opposite bank of the Mississippi River. Montrose was “one of the largest and most important Mormon settlements in Lee County, Iowa.” Susan Easton Black and William G. Hartley, eds., *The Iowa Mormon Trail: Legacy of Faith and Courage*, 32, 196–97; Brown, Cannon, Jackson, *Historical Atlas of Mormonism*, 48–49, 58.

28. A portion of Mary Lois's memoir describing her journey from Montrose, Iowa, to the Salt Lake Valley is included in the *Journal History*. Mary Lois's account is inserted beginning with the sentence “At Montrose, we met, for the first time” and concluding with the sentence “After a short visit we bade her good-night and betook ourselves to our camping ground again.” *Journal History*, October 10, 1853.

oxen and two cows to each ten. The waggons were for our baggage and we walked alongside or ahead of the teams, perhaps riding once or twice a day, for half an hour or so. One day I walked twenty miles, the whole day's journey, without riding at all. Twenty miles was the distance we were supposed to cover each day and sometimes we would have to camp without either wood or water. In this case we were compelled to gather buffalo chips with which to build a fire to cook our supper. Sometimes there was no feed for our cattle in the place where we camped for the night, in which case we had to rise early and travel on until we reached a place where the cattle could feed while we cooked and ate our breakfast.

Our bread we mixed with a piece of light dough or leaven, but often by the time we reached our camping ground, especially in warm weather, it was sour, or in cold weather not sufficiently raised and then we had heavy bread. Sometimes, however, it was just right and then we had excellent bread.

While our extras lasted our rations were abundant, but when they were gone they were insufficient. Father Morris would not only walk all the way, but carried a double barrel shotgun, with which he often shot rabbits or prairie chickens. One evening, when our food was scanty, I asked your grandmother where she had got the pepper from? She replied that there was no pepper. (I doubt if there was any in the camp.) Yet it certainly seemed to me that I could taste pepper in our rabbit supper. One day when it was still colder and provisions less than ever, our commissary, Bro. William Parry, gave us some bread which certainly seemed to have sugar in it, when perhaps there was none in camp.

An Indian Episode

One afternoon, as we were traveling in the vicinity of Platt River, we saw, at a great distance, two objects coming towards us.²⁹ As they approached we saw that they were Indians, Pawnee's, a very savage tribe who were at war, at that time, with the Souix, another savage tribe.³⁰

29. The Mormon Trail followed the North Platte River until Fort Laramie, Wyoming. In 1847, the Vanguard Mormon Company decided to disregard the precedent of earlier immigrants who had traveled along the south side of the Platte. Instead, they made their way along the north side of the Platte River. The Vanguard Company's route on the north side of the river "established a pattern for subsequent Mormon companies," which often followed the same route. William W. Slaughter and Michael Landon, *Trail of Hope: The Story of the Mormon Trail*, 53; Brown, Cannon, Jackson, *Historical Atlas of Mormonism*, 76, 86.

30. When the Siouan tribes entered the Platte valley, they found the Pawnees had already taken up residence there, after also being pushed out of their native lands. As a result, beginning in the 1760s, warfare began between the Pawnee and Siouan tribes over hunting areas and continued for the next century. The opening of an emigrant trail through the Platte valley in the 1840s also spread disease, leaving the Pawnees "less

At sight of these two Indians, the teamsters stopped their wagons and reached for their guns, while the women came to the wagons for protection. As these first two Indians came to a standstill, they said, "Pawnee shoot! Pawnee shoot!" Then more indians came, dressed in their trappings and war paint, their numbers seeming to increase every moment. I was not afraid however. Something seemed to bear witness to me that they would not harm us. One of them came and talked to me, and wanted the little blue jacket I was wearing. There was no more traveling that night. After the fires had been lighted the Pawnee chief came and patrolled our camp all night, to protect us from his own band. I sat and looked at him with pride and pleasure, he seemed so noble and grand. Also I could feel a protecting power over us that was more than mortal. It is likely that he felt this influence and that a superior power inspired him to do as he did. It seems to me that I can never forget the spirit of calm and serenity that surrounded us as I sat, on an ox yoke, almost alone, near the dying embers of our camp fire. So the night passed, the morning dawned, we were permitted to continue our journey unmolested and unharmed, filled with gratitude to our Heavenly Father for His merciful protection.

When the rivers were too deep for us to cross in the wagons, the young men would carry us over. I think that Wood River was the most remarkable one on our journey. I crossed, it on horseback, behind Dr. Dunyon, a near relative of Mrs. William D. Johnson, Sr.

The night we camped on the banks of this river, the watchman, in telling the hour, would add,—“Mosquitoes tiresome”. But they were more than tiresome; it seemed to me that they would devour us.

We crossed the Platt River at intervals during five hundred miles of our journey, and walked much on its sandy banks. In fact the whole region of this river seemed sandy. I remember, in walking, I was so anxious to save the soles of my shoes, that I walked in the grass whenever possible, so that the uppers wore out first.

Another Premonition

When about halfway on our journey I again had the impression that my husband would die. I could not keep back my tears and sobbed as if my heart would break. I was ashamed for the family to see me, for there was no privacy, except away from the camp. I never knew what they thought of my grief, but my impressions proved to be true. At another time, while crossing the plains I was very ill. I had no desire for food, and the only medicine we had was a little rice water. I did not mind much

able to defend themselves against the continuous attacks of their enemies, the Sioux.” Frederick Webb Hodge, *Handbook of American Indians North of Mexico*, 2:214–16; Harvey Markowitz, ed., *American Indians*, 2:582–84.

whether I recovered or not, but I did not like the idea of leaving my husband and his mother.

Trying Times

We found it very trying when the wind was high, especially as this seemed to be the case when it was raining. Then we would try to put up our tent in order to protect ourselves from the tempest which often seemed as if it would lift our canvas home from its foundations after we had succeeded in erecting it. This was often a long and tedious process. First hooks, shaped like crochet hooks were driven into the ground, the hooks holding the rope, which held the tent to the ground, but when a high wind was blowing the tent would be lifted from its holdings as fast as the man tried to fasten the rope to the pegs.

Then again, when we came into camp, tired and hungry and would have to hunt buffalo chips, in the dark, and could not get a mouthful to eat until bread had been baked by this slow process. But when the evenings work was done, the bugle sounded and we assembled for prayers. In the early part of our journey, when the days were long, we would sit on the yokes of the oxen and sing hymns, but as the nights grew colder, we often heard the wolves howling not far from us.

The Post Offices

As we journeyed across the plains we often passed a "Post Office". This would mean the skull of an ox or buffalo bleached white by exposure, upon which was written, probably, as follows: "July 15th, 1853. The Company of Jacob Gates passed today. All well." "August 15th, 1853. The Company of Cyrus Wheelock passed today. All well." And this news cheered us and we were glad to know that our friends were well and progressing on their journey even if the message were only taken from a dry bone. A similar message was of course added by our captain telling of our safe arrival.

(Note:—Illustrate with a buffalo skull engraved with message)

When we had made about half of our journey, I think still upon the Platt River, we came to Chimney Rock.³¹ It was so tall that it was in view two or three days before we reached it, and could still be seen several days afterward as we continued our journey.

I must not forget to speak of our little milch cows. These faithful creatures, though giving milk to supply us on our journey, were yoked to the wagon, between the lead and tongue cattle. They looked very small

31. Chimney Rock, Nebraska, a natural tower of clay twelve miles west of Bridgeport, was a celebrated landmark along the pioneer trail. Hundreds of names were scratched onto its soft base by passing travelers. Linforth, *Route from Liverpool to Great Salt Lake Valley*, 91–92; Kimball, *Historic Sites and Markers*, 124–25.

indeed, as they pulled in front of one yoke and behind the other. I do not remember them by name, but I know the lead cattle were called Tom and Bill and those attached to the tongue, answered to the names of Dick and Ned. Unfortunately our little cows became dry, or so nearly dry that they gave but a teacup full of milk a day. The consequence was, that our camp kettle, that used to be full of good milk gruel for our breakfast, became gradually a kettle full of flour starch with only a cup full of milk added.

Welcome Aid

A few days before we reached our journey's end a team and provisions were sent to our aid. I was invited, with others, to ride, but was so overcome with fatigue and also perhaps, the reaction at feeling that our tedious journey was nearly at an end, that I fainted, in the wagon. Regaining consciousness, I found myself in a sitting posture, on the ground, my dear mother-in-law in front of me and my husband, supporting my back, he trembling the while, and I heard her say to him, in the Welsh language;—"It is want of food that ails her."

Big Mountain

Before reaching the Great Salt Lake Valley, we had another high mountain to cross, called Big Mountain.³² We were anxious to get to it, but dreaded the ascent. It was a fine day on October 10th, 1853, when we reached it. We had previously arranged our attire, as best we could, after such a long journey, in expectation of meeting with our friends, as many of the Saints came to greet the companies as they arrived.

There was a great variety of trees growing on the side of the mountain, the road was hard, level and well trodden and as we descended into the canyon below the scenery was grand indeed. I remember, while ascending the Bid [Big] Mountain, and stopping to take breath, I looked around, above and below and came to the conclusion that "never again, in this life, do I want to cross that mountain". Among the brush I saw a bush bearing wild berries and being very hungry, I ate some of them, not knowing what they were, but they affected me like poison.

Little Mountain

We had still one more mountain to cross, called Little Mountain, but upon descending, began to feel more cheerful as we began to meet persons coming to fetch their friends or relatives. The first person whom we

32. Big Mountain, located east of the head of City Creek Canyon, was the "largest, most difficult mountain" along the Mormon pioneers' trail to the Salt Lake Valley. John W. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 33.

were acquainted with was Bro. Caleb Parry, brother of William Parry, our Commissary.

I could not understand why my only sister, whom I had not seen for a period of seven years, had not come to greet me.

I was most forcibly struck with the neat, clean and fair appearance of the people as they came up to us and did not realize that in proportion as they looked fair and clean to us we looked correspondingly brown and grim to them. I especially remember a Sister Grateriz, mentioned in another part of this sketch. She looked so neat and clean that it gave me additional pleasure to see her. I thought I looked pretty well for I had taken a good wash, every morning, before starting our day's walk and had taken care to shade my face.

We Camp in Great Salt Lake City

Our camping ground was situated immediately west of where the Salt Lake Knitting Factory now stands, in the Sixteenth Ward.³³ There was a little round house built nearby, Later occupied by your Uncle Richard [Vaughan Morris].

I think it was our friend Bro. Harrison, who came to the camping ground to see us and took us to find my sister, Mrs. Ann Agatha Pratt. Her home was situated just west of where the Elias Morris & Sons Company marble yard now stands, and on the ground at present occupied by the Vermont Building, or perhaps a little west of that structure.³⁴

Meeting with My Sister Ann Agatha Pratt

My sister had that day presented her husband, Apostle Parley P. Pratt, with a twelve and a half pound boy in the person of her oldest son Moroni Walker Pratt. I may just state here, as I may never mention him again, that this boy as he grew to manhood developed the courage of a lion with the meekness and gentleness of a lamb, and other qualities to correspond.

I do not think that my sister had grown during the period of our separation, for she attained her full height at the age of fourteen, only that lying stretched out in bed she appeared taller. She looked lovely, so exquisitely clean and rosy. Everything in her room and surrounding her was spotlessly clean and appeared so comfortable to one who had just passed through such an experience as we had.

33. In the first decade of the twentieth century, when Mary Lois was writing her memoir, the Salt Lake Knitting Works was located at 58 South Main Street, Salt Lake City. *Utah State Gazetteer and Business Directory*, 2:405.

34. Between 1900 and 1915, when Mary Lois was writing her memoir, the Morris & Sons marble yard was located on the Richards Street corner of West South Temple. Morris and Sons, 16.

As I was only ten years of age when she left England I had, as it were, to re-adjust my mental picture of her, in order to realize that this beautiful woman lying with her infant clasped to her bosom, was the sister of my childhood.

After a few hours of conversation we bade her goodnight, leaving her to her much needed rest, and betook ourselves to our camping ground.

Greetings from Friends

The following morning Bro. Geo. B. [George Benjamin] Wallace and Bro. Lorenzo Dow Young, came to see us and talked to us as a company. The latter was the father of our beloved Captain Joseph W. Young, for whom we got up a memorial as a token of the love and esteem in which we held him.

Father John Parry, a dear friend of the Morris family also came during the day. He was the father of John Parry, who built the Logan Temple; also of William and Caleb Parry, before named and Joseph Hyrum and Edwin F. Parry. He was a dear old gentleman and a sweet singer. He had been a Campbellite before joining the Church.

A year previous Elias Morris, my husband's brother had emigrated and settled in Iron County, so Father and Mother Morris with their daughter and son Hugh continued the journey south to Cedar City while my husband and I remained in Salt Lake. We went to live with a family of the name of Pell. Our acquaintance with Bro. Pell had begun in St. Louis when he boarded in the same hotel as my husband.

Brother Pell had two sisters, Josephine and Martha, very respectable cultured girls. They were from the east and milliners by trade. We were the best of friends but it was hard for people who had just taken the journey across the plains to eat at another persons table. We could not be satisfied with an ordinary amount of food and were hungry all the time.

Soon after our arrival these young ladies were taken ill with Mountain Fever, and I nursed them. Miss Josephine soon recovered but Miss Martha for many days lingered between life and death. One evening as we stood around her bed expecting to see her breathe her last, she turned her eyes toward her brother and whispered;—"Lige, I know I ought to be baptized", and she desired to have the matter attended to the following morning. The weather was cold, but I do not remember whether there was ice on the water or no, but the following morning she was baptized in City Creek by Bro. John Snider and she was healed.³⁵

35. City Creek begins near the summit of the Wasatch Mountains and flows southwest through City Creek Canyon for about twelve miles. It emerges into the Salt Lake Valley near the state capitol building. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 80.

Bro. Pell and my husband had gone into business in a small way soon after we went to live with them but as winter closed in there was no work or prospect of any for some time to come.

Xmas 1853

We spent Xmas with my husband's cousin Isaac Conway Morris who lived in a house on North Temple and near Fourth West Street. The room was without ceiling and I think without plaster. The fire was composed of three small sticks of wood placed across two adobes and the sticks were so green that we could see the sap ooze out of them and hear it sing. Wood was scarce everywhere, as the canyon had been snowed up since the autumn. They had a little baby, born on the plains September 13th, three months previous, and as they had been in our ten, we were acquainted with the circumstance. .

Our supper was very plain, consisting of potatoes, some kind of bread and I think a small amount of meat, perhaps a little piece of bacon.

The house was very cold, and we sat keeping warm this fire of three green sticks, and all the light we had came from the same source. And so passed our first Xmas in the Valley.

Opening of the Year 1854

Though want stared us in the face we preferred it to obligation, so early in January we took a room in the home of Bro. Alfred Randall situated half a block north of the north-west corner of the Temple Block. The room was small but neatly finished. We had no wood for fuel but a kind hearted Scottish brother hauled some willows for us to burn. When we found one a little thicker than a broom handle we were glad. I do not know how we obtained flour, but I remember we had to content ourselves with "shorts" during nine days. We had no stove, but burned our willows in a small fire-place. We had one saucepan, but perhaps that was a borrowed one. When we had bread to bake my husband would go down to Sixth or Seventh West Street to borrow a baking kettle from a good natured Welsh Sister named Daniels, and when our loaf was baked, return it. It was a cast iron vessel and very heavy. I remember going with him once, and while he carried the vessel I carried the lid, but I know either was as much as one would care to lift.

Housekeeping under Difficulties

We had no chairs or table but my husband managed, some way, to get two stools. I think he paid for them in painting. Then we obtained a dry goods box, which we elevated by some means, and I took an old light colored skirt, starched and ironed it, and put a shirring at the top and it looked quite neat around the box which served us for a table.

On the plains we were obliged to dispense with our little clothes chest, on account of its weight, so we sewed up our clothing in a bed tick. This, filled with straw, was our bed, and our pillows were filled with the same substance and remained plump.

I have no idea where we obtained a candlestick, if we had one, which was not a very necessary utensil in our household, however, as a candle was a luxury we seldom enjoyed. Our fireplace, too, smoked so badly that at times we could hardly see each other across the room.

About this time my husband contracted a severe cold, losing his voice, so that he could hardly speak above a whisper.

I think that the only work that came during the first two months of the year was a little stand to be painted as a checker-board, but we were glad to get it, as we hoped by this means to be able to buy a little meat which we so much desired. But instead of money or provisions, the young man offered in payment to make a rolling pin or a potato masher! I was still using both when I broke up housekeeping in 1902. Our library consisted of a Book of Mormon, Goldsmith's History of England, A Book of Etiquette for Gentlemen, bound in red, which belonged to my husband, and A Book of Etiquette for ladies, bound in pale blue and gold, which he gave to me. Also a volume of the Times and Seasons, which I have given to my son Nephi, and a book on Obstetrics.³⁶

My husband would sometimes look at me as if he expected me to complain, but a murmur never passed my lips, for we had been taught that it was wrong to murmur. Upon seeing this, he said to me;—"You shall see better times, for what you have passed through."

In the month of February we received our Patriarchal blessings, under the hands of the presiding patriarch, John Smith, who was uncle to the Prophet Joseph. This good man told us things that we did not know about ourselves, but which afterwards proved true. My husband happened to have a dollar in cash in his pocket and so paid for the blessing, but I had nothing wherewith to pay for mine, so I gave a pair of gold earrings in place of the money, until I could redeem them. The lady who wrote the blessing accepted the ear-rings. She was Mrs. Augusta [Augusta Bowen Cleveland Smith], wife of John L. Smith, and daughter-in-law to the Patriarch.

36. Oliver Goldsmith (1730?-1774) was the author of *An History of England: In a Series of Letters from a Nobleman to his Son* (London, printed for J. Newbery at the Bible and Sun in St. Paul's Church Yard, 1764). The book was subsequently published in a number of succeeding editions, often under the title *An Abridgment of the History of England: From the Invasion of Julius Caesar, to the Death of George the Second* (London: W. Osborne, 1793). The *Times and Seasons* was a periodical printed in Nauvoo, Illinois, between 1839 and 1846.

A Blessing

Salt Lake City. Feb. 4th 1854

A Blessing, by John Smith, Patriarch, upon the head of Mary Lois Morris, daughter of William and Mary Walker, born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, May 14th, 1835.

My Blessing

Sister Mary, In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, I lay my hands upon thy head and seal upon you a Patriarchal, or a Father's blessing;—The destroyer shall not hurt you when he passeth through the land. You shall be blessed with health and all the blessings of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and all the priesthood that was conferred upon the daughters of Ephraim in the land of Egypt. Your posterity shall be very numerous and extend their dominions to the ends of the earth. You shall have faith to heal the sick in your house, to cast out devils and even to raise the dead if it is necessary. You shall prosper in all things you set your hands to do. The powers of darkness shall not prevail against you. You shall live to see the winding up scene of this generation. You shall see your Redeemer, and converse with Him and shall inherit all the blessings and glories of that kingdom with all your father's house. Even so, Amen.

The earrings just mentioned, stood the lady in good stead many years afterwards, when her husband was on a mission, and still later she bought them back again and returned them to me by the hand of Aunt Bathsheba [Wilson Bigler] Smith, free of charge for my blessing given fifty-seven years previously. They are still in good condition and I gave them to my daughter Kate.

During the latter part of the winter of 1854 and in the spring, my husband was engaged in painting portraits. He made life size bust pictures of Apostles Parley P. Pratt and George A. Smith. Also a three quarter portrait of Patriarch John Smith. The patriarch was ill at the time and the picture was completed when he was really dying.

A Prosperous Spring

Notwithstanding the difficulty of the different sittings a very good likeness was obtained. My husband also painted a family group of about twenty persons for Apostle Parley P. Pratt and another family group for Edmond Elsworth.

He also painted some chairs for a Bro. Dallas, a furniture maker, and took chairs in exchange for his work. These he grained in mahogany and being well varnished they had a very handsome appearance. Two full length mirrors also came his way, one of which we kept and the other my sister Agatha was very glad to buy as she was in the Millinery business. A Brother Coleman of the Tenth Ward, a cabinet maker by trade, made

the frames for them, and as these were grained in mahogany of a darker shade than the chairs, ours made quite a nice addition to our room. Soon after we were fortunate enough to secure a bedstead and this too being grained to match the chairs, all our furniture corresponded. A Sister Horner wanted some painting done, and offered a piece of very choice rag carpet, and a Sister Davis, sister of our esteemed land-lady, also had a fine quilt to dispose of for some painting. I am not sufficiently versed in the science of geometry to describe it, but it was very pretty. These acceptable articles came to us about the time of spring cleaning, and my husband calcomined the walls of our room cream color.³⁷ These were decorated with the unfinished oil paintings which were set off to advantage on the spotless walls. We had brought with us some white curtains and as the season advanced these contrasted prettily with the purple morning glories blooming outside our little windows.

We were able to add a little also to our stock of kitchen utensils, but while dinner plates were fifty cents each and everything correspondingly high priced, our progress along this line was necessarily slow. Our little home began to look quite handsome for those early days.

In the month of September we secured a very nice leaf table and soon after a cover in scarlet and black. We now began to feel that we had about as much as could be desired for one small room.

By this time my husband was in great demand for his work, for he not only understood portrait painting, marbling, graining and fresco work, but also house and carriage painting. One of his patrons I remember with great pleasure, was Bro. Jedediah M. [Morgan] Grant, councilor to Pres. Young. During the summer of 1854 my husband painted a carriage for him, the wheels of which were done in vermillion with narrow lines of yellow down the center of each spoke. He also painted some cupboards or book-cases in American oak with which Bro. Grant was very pleased, for I heard him say;—"Bro. Morris, I know that this graining is done correctly, for I have cut just such beautiful oak in my native state of Kentucky". In part payment Bro. Grant brought from the canyon two loads of excellent oak and maple for our winter's fuel. I can see him now unloading his two well filled undergears into our door yard for winter use.

A Son Is Born

On October 17th a son was born to us. He was a healthy looking child and weighed nine and a half pounds. We named him John Walker [Morris]. When he was about nine days old he began to cough. We used simple remedies but without result. In spite of the cough he seemed to thrive

37. Calcimine is a "trade name given to a kind of white or coloured wash for walls." *The Oxford English Dictionary*, 2nd ed., s.v. "Calcimine."

and developed into an intelligent looking baby with large blue eyes, light brown hair, well marked eyebrows, fine features and a fair complexion. I loved him very dearly. The way had opened up before his birth so that we obtained some beautiful material for his clothing which I made by hand with a great deal of pleasure.

A Warning Voice

One evening, when he was two or three months old I was sitting alone with him on my lap, his father being at quorum meeting, when I was deeply impressed, or something whispered to me,—“You will lose that little one”. This caused me to feel very sad and when my husband came home I told him of the impression that I had received. He replied, “Perhapd you were mistaken”, but I had no doubt about it.

Failing Health of Husband and Baby

We were now in prosperous circumstances, my husband being crowded with work, some being so anxious to obtain it that they paid for it in advance. Though being perhaps the youngest painter in the town, he was very popular, and on one occasion, invited his fellow workmen to our home for the purpose of considering matters relative to their trade. They formed an association of which, I think, he was made the president. As winter advanced, however, his health and that of the baby, began to decline. So we concluded to call in our neighbor, Bro. Anthony Ivins, who had a reputation for medical skill. With reference to my husband, he asked if he had night sweats. Although still in my teens, this question was full of foreboding. The symptom, however, had not developed at that time, but did later. In reply to my inquiry about the baby, he said that he had taken his father’s disease.

In our anxiety about our little one we asked a friend, who was something of an astrologer, what he thought about him. He said;—“If he lives, he will be a brighter man than his father ever was, allowing that his father is pretty bright.”

My husband’s health did not improve and he grew weaker every day, but he was so anxious to work. especially to finish the pieces for which he had already received payment, that he would not give up, even when he was so ill that on returning home he had to support himself by holding onto the fences.

We Go to Cedar City

About this time we received an invitation from his father and mother to go down to Cedar City and visit them. The invitation seemed opportune, as we thought the change to a somewhat milder climate might be beneficial to him and the baby.

Arrangements had been previously made for us to make the journey with a Bro. Wesley Willis, in his covered wagon. This Bro. Willis was an intelligent man, in good standing in the Church, and he was very kind to us. It was in January, 1855 that we started on our three hundred mile journey through the frost and snow. Our mode of travel was to make an early start with a heated rock at our feet to keep us from freezing, and at night we would stop at friends of Bro. Willis's. One night we stayed with a Mrs. Roper, a friend of my father's. She was so handsome, intelligent and kind that it made me happy to look at her.

The journey was very fatiguing to my husband, and the baby was so ill that as I sat with my husband at my side and my baby on my lap I did not know which would die first. Just before we reached Cedar City, it seemed that the baby would surely die, but his father, sick as he was, administered to him and he grew better, and both lived to reach the journey's end.

When we arrived we were taken to the home of my husband's brother, Elias, who entertained us until Father and Mother Morris came to take us to their humble but cheerful home with a kindly welcome.

Death of the Baby

We did all that we could for the invalids, but the baby grew steadily worse, and for the second time I was strongly impressed that he would die. Finally he was taken with convulsions, and on the Second of February he passed away. We laid him in the new and barren grave yard in Cedar City, Iron County, and so I drank the bitter cup of parting with my own flesh and blood.

The Shadow of Death Still Hovering over Us

My hands were now empty and I could give more attention to my husband, who was no better of his affliction. The month of February, 1855 was very mild in Cedar City and we would take a walk every day for the benefit of his health. He had a peculiarity during his illness that I could not understand at the time, but later learned that it was characteristic of a consumptive. When a friend would meet him and tell him he was looking better he would reply that he was not feeling so well, but if they happened to say he looked worse, he would always insist that he was better. Sometimes I took him outside the Fort, as the wall protected him from any cold blast. During these walks, nearly everybody we met had a different remedy to offer, but we had brought with us the best remedy, i.e. Cod Liver Oil.

The 20th of February fell upon a Sunday that year, and as he was accustomed to go out every day we thought it would not hurt him to go to meeting, it being but a block away. That day, however, he seemed especially weak and as we came out of the meeting house a stiff wind came

up, which nearly took his breath, but father and mother being with us we managed to get him home all right and seated him in an arm chair at the fireside. In taking off his shoes I noticed his feet were swollen and though very young at the time it seemed to me a bad omen, and went right to my heart, and I called mother's attention to it but she made some reply to make me think lightly of it. Although this was done in kindness it did not at all remove the anxiety that this new symptom had created.

The next morning he was no better. I had just put the bedding out to air when he asked me to engage in prayer with him. The burden of it was a supplication that his life might be spared as we loved each other and wished to remain upon the earth together. It seemed to us that some climax was approaching.

It happened that the Stake Presidency were in the settlement at the time and they were called into administer to him. They told him that if he had faith, and his family had faith, he should be healed. After the administration he walked across the floor alone. I went outside the fort wall and thanked my Heavenly Father for the promise that the Elders had made.

Towards dusk however, he grew worse. Towards evening his brother Elias and his wife [Mary Parry Morris] came down, when the former administered to him, using their own, the Welsh, language. I regretted that he had not spoken in English. Elias asked us if his brother had seen anything and we told him he had not. He and his wife then returned home, but about nine o'clock as my husband was so much worse, we went for him again as my husband had a great love for and all confidence in his brother Elias.

Elias, mother, and I continued to watch at the bed side all night. The poor sufferer was restless and could not remain long in one position as his breathing was difficult. Part of the time he would be in bed and then in a few minutes sitting in his chair again. Towards morning, or long past midnight, (there was no clock in the house) I could see that the end was drawing near. He was in bed, and the sweats of death were already upon him. We all continued to watch, except his father, who had laid down to rest. While Father Morris was sleeping, he dreamed that he saw a man carrying a suit of empty clothes across his shoulder. We took this as a bad omen.

A Momentous Compact

Feeling that my husband's end was near, and being anxious to know if he had anything upon his mind and fearing that he might become unconscious at any moment, I asked if he had anything to say to me. His answer surprised me. He said,—“You speak as if a fellow were going to die”. I said nothing more, but continued to watch with anxious eyes. Finally he said, “If anything should happen that I do die, I do not want you to leave the

family". I replied, that I had no desire to do so. Then, turning to Elias, he said,—“Will you take Mary, and finish the work that I have begun”. Elias said,—“I have no objection, if she is willing.” I replied, “I am”. He then said, “Do as Elias bids, you, be obedient to him and do not be influenced by other women, but do as you have done.”³⁸

Bereavement

A few hours later, about nine o'clock in the morning as he was sitting straight up in his chair, he looked up to the ceiling, at the corner over his bed, opposite to where we were sitting, and said;—“I see Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and John, and the Angels.” As he told us what he saw his eyes were staring wide open, and appeared almost black in color. When the vision ended, his eyes closed, his jaw fell and his spirit was released from its fair, but frail tenement.

He was prepared for burial by a friend of the family, a Mrs. Hannah Evans, who told us that he had been during the night to call her, as many others had done for whom she had performed the last offices.

When Elias returned home the next morning, his wife knew as much as he did and testified that John had been to see her during the night, while we were still watching him, and had told her that Elias was going to take me and had asked her to be kind to me.

As soon as I could, that morning, I wrote down the words that my husband had said to me, intending to carry them out as long as life should last.

So was I, while yet in my teens, bereft in the short period of twenty days, of my husband and my only child, in a strange land, hundreds of miles from my blood kin and with a mountain of difficulty before me.

I will here explain, that in the fall of 1852, Apostle Orson Pratt was sent to Washington, D.C., to publish a little periodical entitled *The Seer*. In this but two subjects were treated, viz. Patriarchal Marriage, and the Pre-existence of Man. We subscribed for *The Seer*, and read and believed its teachings. One of its doctrines was from the law of Ancient Israel,—that if a man died without issue, his brother should take the widow to wife and raise up children to his deceased brother, that in the morning of the

38. Mary Lois Morris's sister Ann Agatha Pratt described the events of this night in a letter to her husband Parley P. Pratt: "I am sorry to inform you of the meloncholly news I received from my sister they went to Iron County in feb. Johns health was very bad when he went away and graduly grew worse till he died. . . . My poor Mary is left a widow and childless before she is twenty years of age. . . . [John] told her he did not wish her to go out of their family but wished her to stay and let his bro. stay her and do the work the had commenced. Mary told him she would do as he wished. . . . I suppose it is all for the best but it seems hard for her to stay away from me." Ann Agatha Walker Pratt to Parley P. Pratt, March 27, 1855.

Resurrection he might take her and children she had borne in the second marriage and present them to his brother.

So you will see, my dear children, how the reading of this pamphlet, *The Seer* had prepared us for the events that were awaiting us.

This second bereavement opened the wound of the first afresh and I wished that I too, might die and join my loved ones.

Being so young it seemed to me that I could not endure the thought of a corpse being in the rooms where we lived. There was a little room leading out of the living room, and not much used, and here the dear remains lay while the coffin was being made. Even then, I felt as if I could not remain in the house, so went to the home of a very dear friend of ours, Bro. Job Rolands, who lived next door. Here I paced the floor hour after hour in an agony of distress.

Funeral

The coffin was of plain white wood and an ordinary wagon served for a hearse, and there we, the mourners, sat; Father and Mother Morris, Elias and his wife, myself, and a very few friends. It was a dark, stormy day, the 23rd of February, 1855, and the clouds seemed to hover over us as we sat in the wagon, surrounding the remains as they were conveyed to the cemetery of Cedar City, Iron County, Utah.

A young man in rough attire, followed on horseback, and I think I shall never forget him for that act of sympathy shown in that hour of grief. His name was Jack Walker and he was a resident of Cedar City. The grave of our little son, which had been made but eighteen days previous, was opened to receive the body of his father.

Later the loving brother Elias erected a monument to mark their resting place upon which was engraved an inscription in the characters of the Deseret alphabet.³⁹

As we sat by the firelight after our return from the cemetery I looked back upon my life, and though in deep sorrow, I was able to see where the hand of the Lord had been over me and felt how thankful I should be that he had sent me to parents who had taught me to serve Him in all things, and to count all things as dross, compared with the wisdom that God gives to His faithful children.

39. The Deseret alphabet was an experimental alphabet that grew out of the perceived need in Utah for an alphabet that could bridge linguistic differences. The Alphabet assigned a symbol or sign to each of the thirty-eight sounds of the English language. A school primer was printed in the Deseret alphabet in 1868, and in 1869 the Book of Mormon was published in the Alphabet. For a time, the characters of the Deseret alphabet were taught in classes throughout Utah, but after the death of Brigham Young in 1877, efforts to promote the Alphabet largely ended. Daniel H. Ludlow, *Encyclopedia of Mormonism*, 373–74 (hereinafter cited as EM).



John T. Morris's gravestone in Cedar City, where he died of lung disease at the age of twenty-seven on February 20, 1855. The gravestone is engraved in the Deseret alphabet.

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As a little child I had so loved to attend meeting that I often went alone, even on dark nights, and there I drank in the Spirit of the Gospel which now, in the hour of bereavement and tribulation, was with me to strengthen me and give me hope which reached beyond the grave. I felt that I had served God to the utmost of my ability, that I had His approval, and that He would stand by me.

Widowhood

My husband's parents sympathized deeply with me and told me that I should have a home with them as long as they lived. I appreciated their kindness, and as their only daughter Barbara, a girl about my own age, had just married, and their youngest son, Hugh Conway, was absent from home, there seemed to be a niche in the home that I might fill. As I understood housework and sewing I could make myself generally useful to my good adopted parents, for like Ruth of old, I intended to remain true to them and to their beloved departed son.

One Sunday evening I was taking a walk with my friend Sister Mary Rolands and we passed by the mill, where I had so often taken my husband to walk for the benefit of his health. I was reminded of his absence and my intense loneliness and as I wept bitterly I could see, as it were in mental vision, the steep hill of life I should have to climb and felt the reality of it with great force. A deep depression settled upon me, for the

enemy knows when to attack us, but our Elder Brother is might to save. Through my home training in Christ's example, a practical knowledge of the principles of the Gospel and the help given me of the Father, I was able to battle with all the forces which seemed to be arrayed against me at this time. Having had a thought which I knew was not right, I supposed I should confess it to my block teacher, but this experienced and intelligent Saint, instead of expressing censure, blessed me and said;—"You will yet receive a great exaltation."

As spring approached, one Sunday I was invited with father and mother to go to tea, after meeting, at the home of a brother, and there met William and Margaret [Pettigreen Hope] Williams, who were members of the choir. The afternoon passed pleasantly and by entreaty I sang a song for them. I think this was the first time I had been out since my husband's death, except to meeting. Soon afterwards, I was invited to join the choir. When I attended the first practice, the leader said to me, "Thou must come up by me, because thou art bashful."

In this choir I found many friends whom I learned to love very dearly. They were Mrs. Ellen Whittaker Lunt, Sarah Whittaker Chaterly [Chatterley], Mary Whittaker Thornton, and later Mrs. Mary Ann Wilson Lunt. Sisters Ellen W. Lunt and Mary Ann Wilson Lunt were the wives of Bishop Henry Lunt. I also met John M. [Menzies MacFarlane] and Ann Chaterly McFarlam [Chatterley MacFarlane]. May I meet these dear people in a better world hereafter.

The peculiar circumstances surrounding my widowhood, and the agreement I had entered into at the time of my husband's death caused some rather unkind criticism by those who did not countenance the principles I was expected to sustain. This opposition was very hard for me to bear, especially as sorrow had rendered me extremely sensitive. But my trust was in the living God.

One Sunday afternoon there was a testimony meeting which I think I shall never forget. It was a great effort for me to arise at the prompting of the Spirit of God, yet I dared not disobey. As I stood, saying my few words in weakness a feeling came over me that the Lord was on my side AND ALL THE WORLD COULD NOT HURT ME. I had accidentally heard that by a certain class I was nick-named "Holy Woman" but I did not mind it much as long as the Lord was my guide.

In the month of May following my bereavement, Pres. Young and a company came down to visit the settlements, and my brother-in-law went to see him relative to my husband's death and the covenant entered into.

This met the President's full approval and he set the date for it's consummation for a year from that time. The deferring of this event for that length of time was a great consolation to me, for while I had confidence

and great respect for my husband's brother, the thought of marriage at that time went against all my natural feelings.

I continued to live with Father and Mother Morris, who were always kind to me and I was as contented as I could be under the circumstances. I knew at least I was earning my bread. Of clothing there was none to be had.

Our social enjoyments consisted of quilting parties or a wool picking, the 4th and 24th of July celebrations and Christmas.

In the autumn I was invited by a Brother Wardman Holms to join a Dramatic Association which had been recently organized. He said they were studying Hannah Moore's Sacred Dramas, by which he wished me to understand that every play presented would be strictly moral and usually devotional.⁴⁰ Later he asked me to sing solos between the opening Farce and the play of the evening. This, for lack of confidence, I blankly refused to do. I have always regretted this, for I learned afterwards that at the time the organization was effected, the members promised to do whatever the manager required, and also I feel that the confidence I should thus have gained would have been a benefit to me in after life, as I have always had a great dread of coming before the public. The members of the Dramatic Association were nearly all members of the Choir.

A Bro. Samuel Jewkes, a member of the choir, who had a very good voice, asked me to sing with him and his sister one evening, which I did. I also took part in a farce as Lady Scraggs, in "Sketches in India". During the rehearsals the ladies would crochet or knit while others rehearsed, thus occupying every moment of their Pioneer evenings. My association with this organization afforded me a little change in a social way.

In the latter part of the Fall, my brother-in-law asked me to come and live with him and his wife and help her. This I was perfectly willing to do, taking this view, that as I was young and empty handed and that if I lived, and he lived, he would have a great deal to do for me so that in turn I should be willing to do all that I could for him and his family. So I went and took the burden of the house upon me, for my sister-in-law had Barbara [Elizabeth Morris], a little girl of two years old, and Winnie [Winifred Jane Morris], a baby in arms, and her time was almost entirely occupied in caring for them.

Two young men named John and Evan Owens, boarded with us. I attended night school that winter taught by an English brother named Martin Slack, a very refined and intelligent man. There were also quite a

40. Hannah More's (1745–1833) *Sacred Dramas, Chiefly Intended for Young Persons, the Subjects Taken from the Bible* (London: T. Cadell, 1782). This collection of plays on religious subjects went through a number of editions throughout the late eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The 1806 edition includes plays on Moses, David and Goliath, Belshazzar, Daniel, and Hezekiah.

number of social parties held in the homes of the people. At these I was generally asked to sing. There were no pianos or organs and our musical entertainments were altogether vocal. The Dramatic Association also afforded us a great deal of enjoyment but this organization was broken up by Bro. Holms leaving the settlement.

One evening during the winter of 1855-6 I was outside the house sawing wood (perhaps my brother-in-law was away building) It was twilight, and as I rested for a moment to regain my breath, a vision seemed to come before me showing how dark my future would be. Not in detail were the events shown to me, but the general impression was a future of suffering and woe.

Twenty Years Old

I was twenty years old and in the forty eight years that have elapsed since that winter evening I have never seen a darker hour.

I considered the covenant I had made with my husband on his death bed. I knew that Elias was worth of all the confidence and love that his brother had reposed in him, and I knew that I was all that my departed husband had in the world to look to his interest in the world to come and his eternal increase. God knows that I believed and had accepted the principle that His law required of me. I took a mind's eye view of the other brothers. One was older than Elias and two were younger. The youngest, Hugh, had sent word from California that it was his right to have me. There were also two Apostles, to either of whom I might have been married, but could I have taken either of these and kept my conscience perfectly clear before God? Did either of these excel Elias in point of honor, virtue and integrity? Could either of these take the interest in my departed husband that his brother Elias did? Had either of them, except Elias, been asked to perform this sacred duty, though all had known and loved my husband? Was I willing to endure whatever might befall me in this straight and narrow path I had chosen? Yes, I had already counted the cost, had already tasted the bitter cup which I had agreed to drink to the dregs.

A Peculiar Situation

A few months after my husbands death I chanced, one day, to meet his brother Elias, who told me that he and his wife were invited to a wedding to which he would have liked to have taken me, but as the invitation was for only one couple he could not do so.

In the Spring he invited me to attend a party with him and his wife, and told me that at a certain time he would call for me. Being ready in good time and having an opportunity to go with a friend I left before he arrived. Perhaps this was unwise, also unkind to him, as opportunities for

showing me any regard were very meager. My motive, however, was principally to save his wife's feelings, and also perhaps, I was prompted by my own natural independence.

In the Spring following the winter that I lived with Elias and his wife, William P. [Price] Jones, the husband of your Aunt Barbara Morris Jones, came home from his Las Vegas mission, and with him came a Brother —, who had formerly been a drill master in Her Majesty's Army in India. I was told that this gentleman had formed an attachment for me before he saw me, from what he had heard of me. He was a man of refinement, as may be supposed, having occupied such a position, was fine looking, of good address, well acquainted with horsemanship, a very good singer and devout and sincere in the religion he had espoused. I have no idea how he began to come to the house, but he came frequently and took a great deal of pleasure in teaching my brother-in-law sword exercises. He would come also on Sunday evenings and sing for us and afterwards we would all sing together.

A Friendly Admonition

When this had continued for some time, a friend of the family who understood my position and sympathized with me, drew me aside one evening and in a very kind manner told me that if I intended to be true to Elias and the covenant I had made, I had better not allow my affections to turn in a channel where I might be led to break my sacred vows. This friend was unmarried and ten years my senior, and he felt that there was danger of my being led in a direction opposed to that of duty, and I must admit that it was me and my God and stirring principle for the battle.

A Call of Duty

Some time afterwards, on a Sunday evening, my brother-in-law asked me to come and sit down at the family hearth, as he wanted to talk about something. Of course I knew upon what subject he wished to converse and sensed my position keenly. It was very embarrassing for all concerned, as there was a third person present, whichever way we might take it, and all had an equal right to be present as all were equally concerned. In honor of the Principle, obedience to which had created the necessity of our coming together as a family, we were obliged to meet in order to discuss the preliminaries which should cause us to enter into a relationship which would place us in a more trying but more exalted position. For how can gold be cleansed from dross except it be placed in the crucible? Imagine how hard it was for a girl, not twenty years old, to be asked if she intended to be true to one of the three persons present, and that in the interest of a fourth person, and he departed this life? And yet how very hard also for the lady who was the third to

the two contracting parties, in this particular case? And how hard for this man of God, this loving brother, to take another's wife into his care and to all present appearances break up the happiness of his married life? Nothing but the love he bore his brother and the covenants he had made at the water's edge could have induced him to climb the rugged path, upon which alone now he could ask the Heavenly Father's blessing. And in view of all these circumstances, how very much easier for this girl widow to renounce the sacred covenant she had made with her husband's brother, at the death bed of the former, than to be true to what the law of God required and to the life-long contract she had made? No one was to blame for the circumstances which surrounded us, but this was one of the ordeals we had to meet, as all have their fiery trials to pass through who set their faces like steel to serve God to the end.

There was only one answer that I could make to this solemn and weighty question, and that was that I intended to keep my covenant.

The time now approached for our marriage, according to the date set by President Young a year previous. There was much laborious work to be done to prepare for a journey to Salt Lake City where we were to receive our Endowments in the House of the Lord. We traveled by ox-team, and were two weeks upon the road. It was in the month of May, 1856. Our company consisted of five persons, viz.—Elias and his wife and their two children and myself. Upon our arrival we stayed at the home of our brother-in-law, Richard V. Morris, which was situated near the City Hall, and often, during the time that we stayed there I went outside that historic structure and prayed that my deceased husband would come in person and tell me if he really did require me to drink this bitter cup.

He came not. I was again left alone, I and my Heavenly Father, for the battle. I talked with my beloved and only sister about the matter. She suggested that perhaps my husband wanted to prove me and know what I should do while standing alone in this dark world. Now, as I look upon things, I think that my Heavenly Father wished to prove how I should stand the trying ordeal.

If I had wished to forsake my husband I should have done so while he was in this life, and could have chosen another help-meet, and I had the power, for I knew that he was not in the best of health. But it was not in my nature to desert an afflicted person. No, and now my duty was clear, I would lay my life's happiness upon the altar of the requirements of the will of God, and trust in him for the future.

There was no one to take me by the hand and give me a word of encouragement at that critical moment, or at least no one did so. All had their trials.

The Consummation

So I kneeled on the altar in God's Holy House with the deepest dread in my heart that I had ever known. No physical strength could have drawn me there, had I consulted my own feelings. But God required it. I sensed keenly that it was no my happiness alone that was sacrificed, but it was marring the happiness of others, which rendered the cup doubly bitter. I knew that nothing that I could do would remove the sting that comes to the heart of a first wife when her husband enters into the order of Plural Marriage. I had been so concious of the suffering she must of necessity pass through, that during the time that I had been living with my sister-in-law, I felt that no service was too menial, or labor too great, to serve her, and so strong was my sympathy for her that I felt willing to forego almost everything, except honor, for her sake. There was only one way to relieve the situation and that was to recant, and this I could not, I dared not, do. I would rather have died than have shrunk from my duty. If God is angry with me, I can only leave myself to His Mercy. My motives were as pure as those of an angel.

On our return to Cedar City, we arrived about mid-day and Mother had prepared an excellent repast, set out on a long table. I could not imagine what it was for. It had no charm for me, my heart was too sad in contemplating the future. After many, many long years, however, I have come to the conclusion that our dear mother intended it as a wedding feast.

A room had been prepared for my use, as comfortably furnished as circumstances would allow, but it was needed as a kitchen for the use of the family, and as I was doing the housework I used it as such. My own nice furniture, which had come from my home in Salt Lake City, had been placed in the sitting room previously, and there I left it, so that by permitting my room to be used as a kitchen, I deprived myself of any privacy, except I retired into the sitting room after the family had gone to bed. In this year, 1856, the Handcart Company came in, and a Relief Society was organized for their help, I being called to work in it.⁴¹ The following summer the United States troops entered the Valley and after the 24th of July I went to Salt Lake City to visit my sister. It seemed as if a merciful providence had provided a season of happiness for me at this particular time, and I thoroughly appreciated it. My dear sister and I had been separated so much that it seemed to take a month for us to get time to say all that we wished.

The next summer, 1858, the soldiers entered the city and the people moved south. I also returned to Iron County that Fall in company

41. The Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Relief Society was formally organized in September 1857, but as a result of the Utah War, it was broken up and not reorganized until January 1868. Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 131.



Mary Parry Morris,
Elias Morris's first wife.

Courtesy of Ronald Dennis

with our friend, Job Rolands. On my journey home I read "Uncle Tom's Cabin".⁴² My heart was full of sadness and dread for the future, and as I approached the town I was reading a pathetic part of the story that referring to little Eva, and this coupled with my own sorrow, caused me to weep most of the time.

Upon my return I met all that I had anticipated, and asked my Heavenly Father that I might die. One night I dreamed that I was dying and felt as if nature were dissolving I had been making molasses during the day, using pitch pine as fuel, the smoke therefrom being so blackening that my underwear had become soiled. In my dream I remembered

42. Harriet Beecher Stowe's (1811–1896) antislavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin* was the "best-selling novel of the nineteenth century." It was serialized in 1851 and released as a book in 1852. Cindy Weinstein, ed., *The Cambridge Companion to Harriet Beecher Stowe*, 2.

this and could not bear the thought of being found in this condition, so aroused myself, and found it was only a dream. Another time, I thought that I was in the spirit world and meeting my husband, he looked sadly at me and in spirit (for we conversed in spirit), he asked me what I had come there for? I told him I was unhappy and wanted to come to him. I took this as a rebuke, realizing that God knows better what is good for us than we do. I was not going to parties that winter, but took great pleasure in preparing lunch for your father and auntie when they came home for intermission; also in caring for the children while they were away. On one of these occasions, your father told me that he had come home to hear me sing. He also bought me a book of songs by one of Zion's sweet singers, Brother William Willis, who had come down south to sell his books. Bro. Willis was one of the first members of the Sunday School Union Board.

A Ray of Sunshine, Birth of Effie

On the 10th of January, 1859 a little daughter was born to me. We named her Effie Walker [Morris]. I had found the name in Godie's Ladies' Book, representing a beautiful lady who gave gifts to the poor at Christmas time and who married one of her father's workmen because they loved each other and he was good.⁴³ I considered also that the first name should be one which would blend nicely with our family name. Also, shortly before her birth, the choir, in serenading me, sang Tennyson's beautiful poem, the Queen of the May.⁴⁴

A short time previous to this event your father suggested that I should keep house to myself, for my own comfort, but I declined his kind offer, thinking to save him expense, but I fixed up the log room with my own effects in preparation for the coming event. I had waited upon your Auntie in numerous periods of illness during the four years that we lived together with as pure feelings as if she had been my sister or my mother.

My baby was indeed a great comfort to me and as good as a child could be. I used to carry her in my arms, a distance of a mile to the New City, to Sunday School where I was learning to read and write the Deseret Alphabet, which we thought would become popular in those early days. I remember holding her in my arms while singing in a duet at a celebration on the 24th of July.

43. *Godey's Lady's Book* (New York, The Godey Company) was a popular women's magazine published between 1830 and 1898.

44. Alfred Tennyson's poem "The May Queen" was published in 1832. The poem, which is narrated by the "May Queen," refers several times to the May Queen's younger sister Effie. For instance, it says, "Don't let Effie come to see me till my grave be growing green / She'll be a better child to you than I ever I have been." Christopher Ricks, ed., *The Poems of Tennyson*, 1:456-60.

When she was in long clothes, we were visiting with a very nice company and Mrs. Anabella McFarlane, a lady friend, took her upon her lap and said she would see many changes and great events, which she certainly has.

When she was born her hair was red, but turned flaxen and then golden color. Her complexion was very fair, her eyes large and blue and she was a very pretty child. Even at that early period, I did not want to be blinded to my children's faults, physical or otherwise, or esteem them above their merit, and I had known people to think their children beautiful, when they were really quite plain, so I did not want to be guilty of that weakness. Her father, however, thought her pretty and as he was a man of good sense as well as good taste I concluded to let him be the judge, especially as his opinion upon this matter coincided with my own.

In cutting her larger teeth her eyes became affected and as I was keeping house for your Grandfather Morris at the time I was not able to give her the attention I should like to have done there being a great deal of dairy work besides the general house-work. Your Grandmother Morris had gone on a trip to the Big Valley, as Salt Lake City was called, in company with your father.

Poor little Effie was not at all fretful, although I knew that she suffered, but she followed me about all day, and while waiting for me to lift her down the step between the kitchen and pantry, (the only two rooms we had) she would bow her little head to shield her eyes from the light and moan in a most patient manner.

When I went to New City to Sunday School my dear friend, Sister Richard Robert [Jane C.] Birkbeck would invite us to dine with her, so that we might attend the afternoon meeting also. She had no children, but was an excellent housekeeper, and set the table with beautiful linen and elegant glassware and made delightful meals out of such things as the country produced. I can see her now, in her humble cottage, presiding at the table, and the light colored preserves in her clear glass dishes. In those days we made molasses and preserves from carrots, beets, squash and melons. Our daintiest and best preserves were made from parsnips. This dear friend, at whose home we spent so many pleasant hours, told me afterwards that she thought Effie would never recover from the effect of her sore eyes. But they were as bright and blue as ever when her teeth trouble was over.

We made our molasses by boiling the vegetables before named, until quite tender. The vegetable was set aside to be used as we should use fruit for preserving now, and the liquor in which it had been cooked was strained and then boiled down until it became thick syrup and was used to eat as molasses or in place of sugar for preserving.

When Effie was nine months old a son was born to your Auntie, your brother Elias, and I stayed with her and did the house-work and took

care of her. When I took Effie into the room to see the baby, she lifted up her little hands with delight. When she was a tiny toddler she would laugh so heartily that she would fall down.

We Remove to Salt Lake City

Six months later it was decided that the family should remove to Cache Valley.⁴⁵ There was much to be done in preparation for a journey by ox-team occupying from ten to fifteen days with a family to provide for.

Uncle Ed [Edward] Parry was our teamster and the rest of the party consisted of your father, Auntie, their little daughter Hattie, with Elias [Parry Morris], a baby six months old, myself and Effie, fifteen months old. Barbara had been left behind with her Grandmother Morris and Winnie with her Grandmother [Elizabeth] Parry, until we should be settled in our new home. It was in the month of May, 1860. We had a carriage, a span of mules, an ox team and a wagon. We took our clothing, bedding and provisions.

When we reached Salt Lake City, your father was requested to remain in Salt Lake City and work on the Temple Block.

He bought a house and half a lot where the old home now stands. (Note; A lot, in those days, contained one and a quarter acres of land, so half a lot contained five-eighths of an acre) The house was an adobe structure, one and a half stories high with two rooms up stairs and two below. It was owned by a gentleman from Liverpool, named Coward (the name having just occurred to me). He was a rich merchant and probably found Mormon pioneer life a little too rough for him. The property was left in charge of Andrew Cunningham, who was then Bishop of the 15th Ward. The price was four hundred dollars, which your father paid with his carriage and span of mules.

He now started to work for wages, whereas in Cedar City he had owned land which he let out on shares and was at liberty to work where and for whom he pleased.

For a few days after our arrival I stayed with my sister, but finding that your father needed help in planting the garden I came home, although dreading it as usual.

Here we began housekeeping again, with very little to make home attractive, having left our furniture behind in Cedar City.

Your father took most of his pay in provisions which he had to carry home on his back. Sometimes it would be a hundredweight of flour, or fifty pounds of bran. I remember his remarking that, "A fellow might as well be a donkey at once."

45. Cache Valley is a large valley in north central Utah that contains the communities of Logan and Hyrum. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 61.

The flour was dark colored and our bread was about the same shade as an adobe. But we were thankful for that as flour of any kind was scarce.

Coming as we did, in May, our garden vegetables were later than those of our neighbors and we were often obliged to borrow from them more than was pleasant, and as I was doing the housework this task fell to me. The first thing that I borrowed was an onion from Sister [Elizabeth Spur] Eccles. Her son Andrew [Eccles] was then a baby in arms. It was quite humiliating, but was one way of becoming acquainted.

Your father, being a good provider, had brought a barrel of molasses and Sister Eccles older son William [Eccles], a mute, and then about ten years of age, used to enjoy our bread and molasses..

In our lot, however, were some currant bushes and this fruit was not only a great help but a great treat. Some of our friends sometimes gave us a little pie-plant. One of these was Father John Parry, father of Joseph Hyrum Parry and grandfather of E.F. Parry, now Stake Superintendent of the Salt Lake Stake Sunday Schools.

The pie-plant was also a rare treat, and eaten as sauce or made in to a bolster pudding with a sauce of sugar cane molasses made a fine dessert. This dear old gentleman also gave us some rheubarb seed, and how eagerly we watched the young plants come us the following season.

One of the down stairs rooms was used as a kitchen and the other was your Auntie's bed-room. Mine was the wagon box, but as the Fall advanced I made my bed in one of the upstairs rooms which the neighbors said were haunted. I had one refuge however, and that was my daily companion, prayer. Moses Wade, an intelligent old gentleman and a thorough Latter Day Saint said, "Bro. Morris is a good man, holding the Priesthood", intimating that on that account there would be a better influence in the house than formerly.

We had no stove, our fire-place being a couple of adobes, with the wood, cut in small sticks, (for it was scarce) laid across. There was a baking kettle in which to bake our bread and a crane upon which we hung it. I had to fetch water from across the street some of the time.

Then your Aunt Barbara came on a visit, at your father's invitation, for he had his anxieties concerning her. She had dear little Jeddie [Jedediah M. Jones], a toddler by her side, and Becky [Rebecca Elizabeth Jones] a baby in her arms.

There was a great deal of opposition in the house that summer, but I tried to be patient and make everything as comfortable as I could with your father's hard earnings and to prepare as good meals as possible, with what there was to be had. As the Autumn approached little Effie was not very well and I had but little time to attend to her, and she being so patient it touched my heart in a tender place.

The work I was doing was altogether too much for me and your father would like to have had someone to help me but our means were so limited he could not. I used to arise about five o'clock or earlier in order to do a little sewing before starting my daily work and after having finished one of our large washes I suffered such sharp pains that I could hardly move about, but still I tried to do all that there was to do.

On the 24th of February following, two days before your sister Addie [Marian Adelaide Morris] was Born, on Sunday afternoon, I was sitting by my frugal fire with little Effie by my side, feeling as sad as any mortal could whose conscience was clear. The Lord only knew what I suffered. I was weeping. Oh, if only I could have rested my head upon someone's breast who could have sympathized with me! Dear little Effie looked up into my face and said, "Is 'oo tired, Mamma?" I said nothing, but I could feel, standing at my left side, in a position to be able to look into my face,—someone who loved me.

Birth of Addie

On February 26th, at 9:20 o'clock a.m. in the year 1861, another little daughter was born to us. Not having been able to obtain clothing for her before her birth your father took some cutlery, given to him by Aunt Barbara's husband, to trade for some necessary articles, but being unsuccessful he went to Bro. Daniel H. [Hanmer] Wells, who as manager of Public Works was in the habit of giving the men \$5.00 in times of great need. Your father obtained this small sum of money as a great favor and divided it between his two families. The midwife received three dollars for her services, but in what material I do not know and the nurse received for her week's work a pair of shoes valued at three dollars.

The advent of this baby into the world was somewhat critical and your father remarked, "Well, Mary, you have lost your rosy cheeks, but never mind, the baby has them." She had rather dark hair, well marked eye-brows and a little wrinkle in her forehead, directly above the bridge of the nose exactly like that of your dear Grandmother Morris. As she grew her eyes were very large and her skin velvety. A lady who had before remarked of Effie, "Bless the child, she won't tan." said of Addie, "She seemed all eyes", but I never thought her eyes too large.

Your father wanted her called Katherine Vaughan, after his grandmother [Catherine Vaughan], who was a good woman and whom he almost idolized, but I did not think the name pretty enough. When a little child I was fond of a picture of Queen Adelaide and liked the name very much. I consulted your Aunt Aggie and she said, "Call her Marian", so I pleased her and myself and hope my dear daughter has been pleased also.

Just before the baby was born I started to keep house for myself in one of the rooms, so that when I was able to be up I had time to do a little

sewing. Your father bought a piece of cloth for a suit, which he wished me to make. It was a neat pattern and a good piece in black and white pepper and salt design, as such mixtures were termed. In this piece black predominated. He arranged that our friend Griffith Roberts, a very good tailor, should cut it out and give me some idea how to proceed. I would not have you imagine that because your father thought I could make this suit, which was a simple sack coat style, that he was not particular with regard to his appearance. It was on the contrary, quite the reverse, and when he could obtain work where money was paid, received an expert's wages. I saw a brocaded silk velvet vest which he brought with him when he emigrated, which I thought fit for a titled gentleman, and whereas he was glad to get buckskin for every day wear, his best clothes, from the standpoint of appearance and quality, were such as to call forth the admiration of his friends.

I remember that it was a bright Saturday morning in winter that I gathered my washing together in order that the next week might be devoted to my task of "suiting", in more ways than one, this gentleman of taste.

At this time I had not even seen a sewing machine, but had been taught to sew very neatly and the material was soft to handle and pleasing to the eye. After a lapse of fifty years I can almost feel that soft cloth in my hands. It was pleasant to sew and easy to press, and being finished with a black braid had a neat and respectable appearance.

At first my little Addie was quite fretful and when I had work to do, I was obliged to let her lie and cry. This worried me and disturbed the other members of the family. I concluded to fast and pray about it and she became contented. One day, her father coming in and seeing her lying on the bed awake, said to her, "You tell them, wherever you see them, that they are not better than you."

A Sad Experience with a Bright Result

The summer that Addie was a baby there lived in the next house a big uncouth girl who was sent one day to say that my little Effie was stealing their currants. She was about two and a half years old at the time. I had corrected her several times for plucking things in our garden, but young as I was, could see that she must be made to understand that she must discontinue, and it touched my sense of honor that the girl should speak in that way. So I took a switch about as thick as my little finger and whipped the poor child all the way home. Oh, how my heart ached. I took her little hand and kneeling down in a corner of our room (we had but the one) asked my Heavenly Father to cause that I might never more have to correct her for that sin. A year passed and she was a little over three years old when she came in one day with her fifteen months old sister by the hand and said,—“Mamma, here’s Addie, stealing currants.” My heart was filled

with gratitude to find that my little one not only remembered that she must do no wrong herself, but would protect her little toddling sister from doing so. I had no more trouble with these dear children on that score.

Visitors

The Fall that Addie was a baby in arms, your father brought a man and his three little boys to board with me. His name was Thomas Jones and I think he was from South Wales and had recently come to the States. I suppose your father had compassion on him and I did what I could for him and his three children. One day he told me that he was going to get him a wife and that she was big enough to change the moon. And, sure enough, he brought her [Margaret Spotswood] and she was indeed a very large woman. She was the mother, by a former husband, of our town'sman, Charles J. [John] Thomas, the musician who is now the leader of the Temple Choir and a constant worker in the Temple. She told me that her son could detect a discordant note in a choir of a thousand voices. Her daughter, also by this marriage, now Mrs. Margaret [Ann Thomas] Romney, used to stay with us sometimes. After this lady came to us she and her husband slept on the floor in one of the rooms upstairs as I had done the winter before. She used often to come and hold Addie and sing to her and tell yarns about her life in the Army where her first husband had been a drummer in the band.

While occupying our one room, we invited a gentleman and his wife, Bro. Shearman and Sister Shearman, to dine with us. I made a preserve pudding, which I suppose I boiled in our bake-kettle and, of course, had some meat and vegetables, but only a few sticks laid across two adobes for a stove. I felt embarrassed at the idea of cooking and serving the meal under these conditions in the presence of our guests but our friendship for them was so sincere that I was willing to endure this little humiliation for the sake of enjoying their company. However, upon this occasion these dear friends, for some reason, did not come, to our great regret when we found how delicious the pudding was. This Bro. William Shearman was private secretary to Apostle Amasa Lyman and we became acquainted with him during the "Move" when the Saints moved South on account of Johnson's Army being in Echo Canyon. He afterwards made his home with us for a time. Your father was then building at Jacob Hamlin's place at Santa Clara, but sent us a letter saying, "Bid him welcome home, welcome to my home."⁴⁶

46. Santa Clara, Utah, is located along Santa Clara Creek, four miles northwest of St. George. Jacob Hamblin, "an early Mormon scout and church authority, helped establish an Indian mission on the site in 1854. In 1856 a fort was built. The settlement was destroyed by floodwaters in 1862, then rebuilt on higher ground." Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 331.

Your sister Addie cut her teeth with a very sore ear, or rather a sore behind her ear. I did not attempt to heal it, but bathed it copiously with Castile soap and water. One day when I was doing so my father called and he remarked, "Do not heal it, but continue as you are doing." I was pleased to have his approval for I felt that he understood such matters. When the wound had seemingly run its course, the little child began to make flesh and look well.

I think the last time I mentioned your Grandfather Walker was when I spoke of his returning to England on a visit soon after my dear mother's death and just previous to my marriage to John Morris. He returned to St. Louis about the time our party left for the Valley, and travelled in Jacob Gates' Company. We met him at Montrose, I remember, while we were all waiting the final preparations to continue our journey. When he arrived in Salt Lake City, he went to live with my sister. A few years later he returned to England again, on a mission, and upon this occasion brought with him a sister, named Mary Ann Morton, from Luton, Hertfordshire, England, whom he married, and they resided in the Sixth Ward. She was a lady of some literary attainments and the author of several Latter Day Saint hymns.⁴⁷

My Stepmother

Your grandfather and grandmother Morris also came to Salt Lake City from Cedar City and lived in the Sixth Ward, next door to my father.

When your sister Addie was little she liked to play with toads and would run about with a toad in one hand and a "piece" in the other. When she was a year and nine months old your father went to Camp Douglas to build bake ovens for the soldiers, who had lately taken up their quarters there.⁴⁸ I remember he was given some immense sperm candles, which were so large that we could hardly believe the reality. He received cash in payment for building these bake ovens. With the portion that I received I bought some very pretty soft flannel for dresses for my little girls. It was red and dark brown plaid, and I had gilt buttons to fasten them with. I had a neat pattern to make them by and felt proud of and thankful for these pretty dresses. I can see now my little Effie and Addie dressed in

47. Mary Ann Morton (1826–1897), Mary Lois's stepmother, was the author of at least six LDS hymns, including "Sweet Is the Peace the Gospel Brings," "O Happy Home! O Blest Abode," "A Saint! and Is the Title Mine," "My Father in Heaven," "Though Nations Rise, and Men Conspire," and "With Cheerful Hearts and Willing Hands." J. Spencer Cornwall, *Stories of Our Mormon Hymns*, 137, 203; *Sacred Hymns and Spiritual Songs for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 76, 368–69, 377, 379, 398.

48. Camp Douglas was an army camp on the east bench overlooking the Salt Lake Valley. It was established in 1862 when the Third California Volunteers were ordered to the Salt Lake Valley to "prevent Indian hostilities and 'keep an eye on the Mormons.'" Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 201.

them and playing on the grass on the street on a Sunday evening during the Spring, when the weather was mild enough for me to have the door open. The streets were green in those days when there was so little traffic.

In the Spring of 1863 your father built two small rooms for us, west of the house proper, and we were more comfortable. We had some narrow shelves put in a door-way which led into the other house, and these served as a cupboard. For a dresser we had a clothes chest with a white cover of some kind and an old lilac skirt neatly arranged as a flounce. It was not very elegant, perhaps, but presented a cleanly appearance. Our windows were small square ones and swung on a little piece of iron. We had red curtains, made with a heading and drawn with a string. There were very few blinds in those days and no screen doors.

We enjoyed our usual health that summer but it was a season fraught with trial.

Birth of John Conway

On August the 22nd, (I think) a son was born to me. My dear niece, Miss Aggie [Agatha] Pratt, took care of me and my children and attended to the house work and was a great comfort to me.

Soon after the baby was born, my father sent this word to me, "Tellthem to call him John Walker". Shortly afterwards your grandfather Morris called and said, "I want you to call him John Conway", giving the following simple history of the name. "There was once a little boy found sailing alone under Conway Bridge in Wales. No one knew who he was of from whence he came. We are descended from that little boy".

Next came your father and repeated his father's request. I objected to calling my baby after a dead person. Your father reasoned with me, trying to show that there was no cause for such an objection. For illustration, he said, "Here is Bro. David O. [Orson] Calder, who has lately buried three of his children with diphtheria, they were called after no one. So I yielded, but against my own judgment, and my second son was named John Conway [Morris]. He had blue eyes, fair skin, light hair, and to use his grandmother's own words, "he was the biggest of the breed" He was a good tempered little fellow and even while he was in long clothes would sit in his high chair and watch me while I did my work. Mrs. Shearman, who called to see us one day, said; "You have to stay with this baby to know how good he is." He was so plump, white and beautiful that Barbara and Winnie would contend which might hold him when he was undressed. His father said, "Take care of him, he is a model picture". The winter following his birth his little wrist was burnt, but not seriously.

This winter, we had the good fortune to secure a stove, which came to us second hand, for it had been the property of our neighbor, Bro. Nelson A. Empie. That winter, as was often the case, we could not get

enough tallow to make our candles, so the light from the fire in the stove served for illumination as well as for warmth. Later, however, your father bought me a little lamp which cost him \$3.50. It would be worth about 25 cents now. With the lamp came a paper shade with a little scene painted upon it. The edge was scalloped and it shaded the ceiling bringing the form of the scallops down on the wall. I felt so happy in the possession of this lamp that it seemed as if my cosy little room were a piece of Paradise.

Speaking of lamps and home-made candles reminds me of soap-making. We used to make soap in those days from the cake or prairie saleratus and lime, for lye was a dollar a box and money very scarce. I remember that on the 24th of July, soon after we came from the South, besides the day work I made three kettles of soap and then went to a party in the evening.

A Birthday Party

Birthday celebrations were not as general as they are now, but when Addie was three years old we thought we would give a little party in her honor. There was a picture on the wall of our room of which she was very fond, representing Nellie Grey sitting by the river with her mother. I can see her now, standing upon a chair, dressed in her pretty red dress which showed her pretty arms to such good advantage, gazing at this picture. Upon the occasion of her birthday I taught her a verse of the song "Nellie Grey" to sing.⁴⁹

One of our little guests was Moroni Walker Pratt, who was about ten years old at the time. He recited a poem by Mrs. Hemans on the Life of Moses.⁵⁰ The last lines were,—

"And a good man he grew,
And a wise man too,
For the Spirit of God was there."

The poor little fellow was so overcome with shyness that he cried. The large heart is capable of much emotion.

The following March little Conway was very ill, which terminated in serious lung trouble. Your Aunt Aggie thought he caught cold by being cradled in a clothes basket which, naturally was not much protection from

49. The song "Nelly Gray" begins "There's a long green valley on that old Kentucky shore." It was arranged by at least five composers, including Thomas Hood (1799–1845) and Jonathan Blewitt (1781–1853). Havlice, *Popular Song Index*, first supp. (1978), 197; Kilgariff, *Sing Us One of the Old Songs*, 401, 455.

50. Felicia Dorothea Browne Hemans (1793–1835) was "the most widely read woman poet in the nineteenth-century English-speaking world." A search of the various collected volumes of her poetry did not find any poems on the life of Moses. Gary Kelly, ed., *Felicia Hemans: Selected Poems, Prose, and Letters*, 15.

the draughts which came from under the doors. When he recovered, I remember how sweet it was, after his life had been threatened, to sit and hold him in my arms and sing him to rest.

The First Matinee

A pleasant incident occurred in the lives of the children of Salt Lake City on the 1st of May, 1865. It was the giving of a Matinee, the first ever given in Utah, at the Salt Lake Theatre in honor of May Day.⁵¹ It was given by Julia Dean Hanes [Hayne], a distinguished actress. There were May Pole dances on the stage, in which the children took part, holding ribbons attached to the pole. This, and the fact of the theatre being darkened and lighted artificially, this turning day into night, made a great stir in the Capitol City of Utah.

The play was Chinese in its character and Mrs. Hanes played the part of a Chinaman. Her Chinese talk was long remembered by the youngsters and you could bear bits of Chinese language for months afterwards. The principle word I remember was "Chi-hi". I doubt if Utah had so much as seen a Chinaman at that time.

On May 24th, 1865 your father left us to go on a mission to Great Britain in answer to a call from the First Presidency.

At a Convention held in the Tabernacle the day following the preceeding April Conference, some reference was made to Masons. Pres. Young, in speaking, made some uncomplimentary remarks concerning them. As he sat down, your father rose and said,—“I rise to represent a class of workmen who, it has been said, are very dishonest.” In a few plain and pointed sentences he defended them. His statements were not refuted. It may be proper to state here that in a matter in which he felt he was right your father feared nobody.

Missionary Call

A few days later he met Brother T. B. H. [Thomas Brown Holmes] Stenhouse, a man of more than ordinary intelligence and editor of the Daily Telegraph, the first daily paper in the West.⁵² Bro. Stenhouse

51. The Salt Lake Theatre, which opened in 1862, could seat three thousand people and had a parquet, dress circle, and three balconies. Many well-known actors and actresses performed in the theatre, which was reported to have been similar to the famous Drury Lane Theatre of London. In addition to the traveling actors and actresses who performed in the theatre, performers based in Utah also put on plays. In 1928 and 1929, the theatre was demolished. Ila Fisher Maughan, *Pioneer Theatre in the Desert*; Roderick Robertson, "The Early Mormon Theatre," 40–49; Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 211–13.

52. The *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph* was a newspaper edited by Thomas Brown Holmes Stenhouse (1825–1882). It was published daily (except Sunday or Monday) between 1864 and 1868.

accosted him with, "Well, Morris, my boy, you're called on a mission, arn't you?" "Yes, someone has shoved my name in, I suppose", was the reply. "No", Bro Stenhouse said, "I was present at a council of the Twelve, when a call was made for faithful, earnest men to go to Wales to clear up a Josephite mess which exists there, and your name was mentioned and sustained as a suitable man to send".⁵³ So we commenced preparations to that end.

It was a beautiful day, to all appearances, the day he left us; the ground white with blossoms of the locust trees and the air laden with a lucious perfume. Outside, all was peace and quietness, but within the house were tears and heart-rending sobs. Your father was leaving his two wives and seven small children to recross the trackless desert and the fathomless deep, in answer to the call of duty.

Your Grandmother Morris and a Sister Williams were with us at the hour of parting. Sister Williams, it seems to me, had been acquainted with the Morris family in Wales. These dear old ladies went from house to house trying to comfort us. Your grandmother would come in from your Aunties and say, "Well, its just the same here", and then Sister Williams would come from there and say, "And its no better here." At one time the latter said to me;—"I know what is the matter with you, you are thinking of the other one too." And so it was. My grief at parting with your father was so deep in my heart that it reached the place where my first husband had impressed it and re-opened the wound, and so I wept for both at the same time.

After your father had left, I remember that I went to Pres. Heber C. [Chase] Kimball's mill and bought fifteen pounds of rolls. These I spun, scoured and colored all with my own hands.

Speaking of the Mill, I may here mention that Bro. Kimball had engaged your father to build a warehouse for him some time previous, remarking at the time,—“If Bro Morris builds it, I expect it will be finished in this generation.”

53. Mary Lois seems to be referring to the missionary efforts in Wales of the "Josephites," members of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (RLDS). The RLDS church split from the LDS church after the martyrdom of Joseph Smith over issues of succession. Joseph Smith's son Joseph Smith III became prophet-president of the RLDS church in 1860. By 1865, when Mary Lois wrote of the "Josephite mess" in Wales, several RLDS branches had been established in Wales, and RLDS missionaries reported progress in their missionary work among LDS members in Wales. One RLDS missionary reported in 1863, for instance, "The news from Wales is encouraging for the progress of the work. . . . I found some of the old saints, who then, for the first time, were informed of the existence of the Reorganization, and they seemed much interested concerning it." Such reports would no doubt have concerned LDS leaders. EM, 3:1211-13; Joseph Smith III and Heman C. Smith, *The History of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints*, 3:394-409.

This was a busy summer for me. I would go from working in the garden to the spinning wheel, and from the spinning wheel, perhaps, to the Tithing Office, seven blocks distant, to purchase and then carry homd provisions for my family, then snatching an hour to cook a hot meal.⁵⁴ Often it was currant dumplings, made from the fresh currants in our garden and as many other good things as circumstances would permit. But all was received with a grateful heart.

Effie was six years old in January and Addie four years old in the February previous to your father's departure, and Conway two years the August following. Effie was now old enough to go to school, so I sent her to the Sixth Ward School taught by a Miss Elizabeth Hattersly. Effie had learned her alphabet by the time she was two years old, and from the time she went to school in May to the following September she learned to read in the Second Reader. That same summer I gave her a piece of an old sheet upon which to sew at school. In the afternoon she brought it back so neatly hemmed that we could hardly see the stitches. Her teacher, appreciating this effort in so young a student, gave her five cents. This was the first money she had ever had.

When currants were ripe it was the work of these two little girls to pick three quarts daily, Effie two quarts and Addie one. We had two ways of drying them; one was to spread them out fresh from the bushes to dry in the sunshine, and the other, to cook them until the moisture had evaporated and then spread them upon plates to dry. Currants were the only fruit we had and therefore of great importance. Squash drying was of equal importance in still earlier days when these and melons were the only fruit we could get. In case of a sudden storm, I have often gone out in the dead of night to gather in the currants bu the flashes of blazing lightning. I may say here that while your father was away on his mission, I felt safer at night than I had done when he was working only a few miles out of town. We had planted an orchard, but the trees were too young to bear fruit. It had been my duty to water the trees by carrying water by the bucketful. This being faithfully done, every tree, I think, grew and we watched with great interest for the first buds and blossoms.

I was very glad when I could spin several skeins of yarn a day, besides the other work I had, and caring for my children. Five skeins a day was considered a good days work. Pres. Young reckoned that a woman who spun all day walked twenty miles, and many a song I sang as the buzz of the big wheel played a bass chord to my tune, this reminds me of Burns, who says,—“All day land, Gene spun and sang.”

54. As tithing was generally paid “in kind” instead of in cash, the function of the tithing offices was to receive and redistribute the products paid as tithing and to convert these items “into acceptable means of payment wherever the church made purchases.” Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 140–41.

Home Made Dresses

I had set myself the task of finishing the spinning of my fifteen pounds of rolls by September, and a thankful heart was mine when my yarn was ready to scour, and still more so when I could see the white hanks filling the fence and my joy reached its height when by care, skill and labor, I had colored these beautiful white skeins a handsome madder red, indigo blue and jet black. And, as I had arranged, I took them to your Aunt Hannah H. [Hinchliffe Midgley] Morris to weave into cloth on the date in September that I had intended when I commenced the work. The cloth that I made for my own dress was black with a fine stripe of red and a few threads of blue. That for Effie and Addie blue with a narrow stripe of red. This style of cloth was much admired and sought after. I received \$2.00 a yard for some like my own dress.

Then we took what dried currants we had to spare and sold them for cash and with this money bought some little vegetable dishes of which we were very proud.

Then your father, in disposing of his outfit after crossing the plains, managed to send us sixty pounds of lye to make soap of, and some tea. It was just like him, good provider and manager, that he was, to think of us and to send us something to help us along. I borrowed a wheelbarrow from your uncle William V. [Vaughan] Morris, and with a good deal of repugnance, wheeled the sixty pounds of lye home. With my share of the tea I bought some bowls, thus adding again to my scanty stock of dishes, and was thankful for the opportunity.

A fine fat ox was also sent to us that Fall which your father had purchased of some immigrants. So through the blessings of Providence and our own industry, we had that winter, handsome, warm dresses, some good beef and a nice supply of dried fruit.

Christmas Maneuvering

And now Christmas, 1865 was approaching and I wondered what I could do for my little ones, for every little girl at lease wants a doll. It is always well to begin to think of Xmas early and I think this was the year in which we did as follows.—Effie had taken readily to knitting and knitted a pair of mittens for a Harry Bowering, who lived across the street, for which she received fifty cents. She also knitted a similar pair for Cousin Tom Morris, for which she also received another fifty cents, so that her doll was secure. But what was little Addie to do? I had taught her also to knit and she put forth her best effort and knitted a pair of garters for a Sister Willard, who lived next door to us, so that we had money to buy her a doll too. So we went up to a little store which stood somewhere about where the Kolitz Kandy Kitchen now stands on Main St. between South Temple and First South Streets. The dolls from which we selected Effie's were

\$1.25 each, but kind Sister Cooper, who kept the store, found one slightly damaged which she let us have for a dollar. It had a very pretty face and was about as large as could be purchased now for twenty five cents. The class of doll which Addie's money would buy were solid china and very pretty. By hiding Addie's dollie, and sewing the head of Effie's up in a cloth, they did not see them until the right time. As the charm of Addie's doll lay in the symmetry of its limbs and the beauty of its face it would have seemed an injustice to cover its perfect form with paltry clothing, so it was ready for presentation, but how to dress Effie's without its being seen was a problem. It was accomplished by the dim gleam of candle light, after the children had retired. The dress was made of dove color alpaca, as glossy as silk. As Miss Dolly had a fine figure we made the waist tight fitting to display her form to good advantage. The fashionable coat sleeve and a gored skirt, which had just come into vogue made the costume of the latest style, at that time. The trimming was three rows of narrow braid, such as we used in embroidery, and just the size for the little dress, so that when finished it was really very neat and comely.

I think it was about this time that I had a chance to do some knitting for Mrs. Lavina Johnson, who gave me some apples from her orchard in payment, with which I made my mincemeat.

Xmas came, and the new dolls were a great source of joy to my little girls, but poor little Addie was doomed to sorrow for her precious doll dropped upon the hearthstones and was shattered to fragments. Who could comfort her? I had no money, or prospect of any, so all I could do was to gather up the pieces and put them away in a drawer for she would not hear of their being destroyed, and there she would go and peep in, sobbing as if her heart would break, just as a bereaved mother might look at her departed baby. This, I think, must have been Addie's first sorrow.

About this time, during a spell of very cold weather, little Connie had his leg burnt; it was rather a deep sore, but he was extremely patient. It showed me the different stages of the healing of a burn and what a more serious burn would be.

Hearing that the families of absent Missionaries had the privilege of attending the theatre free, I went to Manager John T. [Thomas] Caine, to see to what extent these favors were granted. He replied that we could have a ticket once in a while, so I gladly availed myself of the enjoyment this privilege afforded. At this time Bro. David McKenzie was our theatrical star and we delighted to bask in its brilliancy. He shone particularly in a play entitled "The Yicket-of-leave Man" in which he took the leading part.⁵⁵ The name of the heroine of the play was May Edwards, but I do not remember what the lady's real name was.

55. Mary Lois seems to be referring to Tom Taylor's play, *The Ticket-of-Leave Man*, about "a parolee whose trusting disposition leads to misadventures." It was first performed

About this time I had the misfortune to hurt my right heel, all remedies seeming unavailing to heal the wound so that upon such occasions as I was obliged to go to town my foot was tied up in a white cloth. Becoming tired of this, and hearing of a certain remedy for such ailments, I procured some and asked your dear Cousin Aggie Pratt to come and spend the day with me to help administer the treatment in the form of poultices. In my case however, it was worse than useless, for by night the entire limb was inflamed.

Soon afterwards, while attending the theatre one evening, I met an old friend who told me that the yolk of an egg rendered thick with flour had proved beneficial in such cases. The result of the application of this mixture was a speedy healing of the sore heel.

A Dress Bought with Rags and a Ham

In the spring of 1866 paper rags were in great demand. Previous to this, in '61 or '62, our enterprising citizen and later, merchant, George Goddard, came with a neat cart with a white cover to collect them, offering in exchange, haberdashery and other small wares. But in 1867 the Daily Telegraph was in full blast and paper rags were sought and a good price paid for them. The depot where they were received was just west of Clark's Corner called the Eagle Emporium (the Clock Corner) and the building had been erected for Bro. Wm. [William] Jennings by your father.⁵⁶ Wagons also called at intervals to collect rags. I do not know how many dollars I earned by collecting, washing and sorting rags, but with the sale of a nice ham of my own feeding and curing, I had enough money to buy a handsome dress pattern. In order to make the very best use of my money I went to Bro. Naisbitt who bought goods on commission as a side issue to his business as a dry goods buyer for S. P. Teasdale's store. By this means we could obtain goods almost at eastern prices. My dress pattern was a nice quiet shade of blue French Merino of excellent quality.

Gored skirts were just coming into fashion, but not wishing to cut this fine cloth, I laid two large box pleats in the back, to give the skirt a gored effect. Coat sleeves were also very stylish at that time so of course mine were cut in that shape and for out door wear a small cape terminating just

in New York in November 1863, and revivals followed throughout the rest of the nineteenth century. Gerald Martin Bordman and Thomas S. Hischak, *The Oxford Companion to American Theatre*, 616.

56. The Eagle Emporium, located at 102 South Main in downtown Salt Lake City, was constructed in 1864 by Elias Morris for prominent merchant William Jennings. In 1868, Jennings "exchanged his inventory for capital stock in Z.C.M.I. and leased his Eagle Emporium to the new organization." Z.C.M.I. remained in the Eagle Emporium building until 1876. John S. McCormick, *The Historic Buildings of Downtown Salt Lake City*, 8, 62.

above the waist made a graceful costume. In those days all stuff dresses were trimmed with white buttons as may be seen from pictures of that time. This was a very neat but stylish dress, and I was not naturally as stout as I am now. Cousin Aggie helped me to arrange the pleats in my skirt.

An Invitation to a Dinner Party

Early in the following Spring, I, with other missionaries wives, was invited to dine at Bishop [Robert Taylor] Burton's. This invitation caused me more uneasiness than pleasure, as I was not acquainted with the Bishop's family and was uncertain as to the location of the house at which the dinner would be held. I knew they were quite well to do people and the Bishop, with whom I had often danced at social functions at the ward had expressed a wish that I should meet his family. I wondered if I should take some work with me, as I always felt more at ease when occupied. However, I did as I always did when things troubled me and tried to worry less. I knew I had a handsome dress to wear but still felt so diffident about going. There was one comfort, I at least was acquainted with my fellow guests.

At last the dreaded day arrived and instead of having to wander in uncertainty as to where to go, a carriage was sent to fetch me.

Bishop Burton received us at the door and conducted us to the parlor, an unusual luxury in those days. Here I met my friends, the wife of James Ure [Janet Scott Ure] and his daughter Jeannette [Janette Scott Ure]; Jane, the wife of Griffith Roberts and the wife of Councillor Joseph Pollard [Mary Ann Bailey Pollard or Ruth Allen Pollard]. Our invitation stated that the party was to do honor to the missionaries of the ward and certainly we were treated right royally. We spent a most pleasant afternoon and having taken my work, a little red stocking, it added to my comfort.

During the afternoon Bishop Burton ingenuously asked his little daughter, Florence [May Burton], to ask her sister, Mrs. [Theresa Hannah Burton] Hills, to play for us. This was a rare treat as very few people possessed musical instruments. Mrs. Teresa Burton Hills was a beautiful young lady and superintended the dinner, which was a sumptuous repast. Mrs. Maria [Susan Haven] Burton remarked that Teresa had kept house for two years previous to her marriage.

During the evening Bishop Burton requested me to sing several times and he played the violin for us. I tried to be as much at ease as possible and suppose I succeeded as my recollections of that day are most pleasant.

Shortly afterwards, at Bishop Burton's suggestion, I was invited to join the Ward Choir, the new and highly esteemed leader, Bro. William D. [Davies] Williams, remarking that he preferred mature voices. Here I remained a member until circumstances made it necessary for me to

leave. I also belonged to the Tabernacle Choir.⁵⁷ I remember very distinctly, that one evening Pres. Young met with us. It was just before October Conference and he desired to test the acoustic properties of the building. I remember he spoke from the stand and a strange impression was made upon those who were close beside him, myself amongst the number, for it seemed that his voice came from the eastern or opposite end of the building. Upon another occasion I was seated at the feet of a speaker but was unable to hear and had to sit with the audience below in order to do so. Later a canvas was stretched between the ceiling and the heads of the people, which I well remember seeing in course of erection by Pres. Daniel H. Wells and a staff of men. There was no gallery at that time, but later, when that addition was made and the sky-lights put in, the trouble ended, I believe.

I think it was this summer, that of 1866, that I went to Aunt Hannah's to twist some yarn on their wheel. I left the house locked, but when I returned found that Conway, large child that he was, had managed to push his way through a pane of glass 8 by 10 inches, and by climbing upon his high chair, had obtained some matches from the mantel shelf. With these, he set fire to some stuff in the cow shed and then ran away. This was the second accident with fire, although this time the dear child was not hurt.

About a year and a half after your father went away, one Monday, having finished my weekly washing as usual, in spite of the fatigue and the approach of evening, in order not to break into another day, I went to the Tithing Office to get provisions for my family. I took Effie with me to help a little in carrying my load of about forty pounds. Often I had to leave my little ones alone when I went upon errands of this kind. At such times I always asked my Heavenly Father to take care of them, and He did. But this time I had taken extra precautions and left them in charge of Sister Guiver, in her own home. I felt depressed upon this trip and fancied that when I asked for the order the clerk looked coldly upon me, although he gave me what I asked for. The nearer I came to home, the more this feeling of sadness oppressed me. At last I reached the house and Sister Guiver brought my two poor little children, severely scalded and stripped of their clothes. I could see at a glance what was before me, and no father there to help me bear it. For an hour I was powerless. Sister Guiver and another neighbor, Sister Eccles, good sould that they were, took olive oil and water and whipped them together until they became

57. A group of singers from the Nauvoo choir and a Welsh immigrant choir began calling themselves the Tabernacle Choir in the early 1850s. In 1869, following a succession of short-term conductors, George Careless, a professional musician from England, was appointed director of the choir, and under his leadership the choir took on a more permanent and professional character. Hicks, *Mormonism and Music*, 44–45, 95–96, 98.

a salve and this they applied to the wounds. Addie was scalded in five places, one on the wrist and the rest upon the lower limbs. Conway was scalded more severely. One of his little legs was scalded from above the knee down to the ankle, the other from below the knee toward the instep. When these good sisters had dressed the wounds I put Addie in bed with Effie and made my own bed on the little kitchen floor so as to be able to attend to little Conway as he was so much worse. The simple salve made by the sisters took the fire out of the burns and the children rested pretty well, but the worse was yet to come. In the morning there were stains upon my sheets as big as plates where the water had run from the burns upon poor little Conway's body. Father Bustle, an old gentleman in the ward came over and told me how to treat the burns. I had plenty of good tallow from the Tithing Office to use for making salve and he seemed to be progressing nicely until the following Thursday when the blisters broke and the flesh was exposed to the air. Oh, what suffering that poor child did endure. It seemed too, that it was worse at night. I used to sing to him. This would take his attention for a while. He would say, "Sing Nennie Day", meaning "Nellie Gray". Then he would say "Sing it adain, Ma." When this charmed him no more I would whistle for him, and he thought that was grand. Then when he could endure the pain no longer he would begin to scream and it seemed to me that his screams could be heard a block away.

One night Aunt Hannah stayed with us, and Uncle William came later. I made a bed for them on the kitchen floor. In his good natured way he gave me five dollars. He seemed pleased to hear the singing.

Another night Aunt Aggie came to stay with us. I put her in my bed while Connie and I slept in a bed upon the floor in the same room. After daylight, while dear Aunt Aggie was conversing with me she said these words,—“Mary, the Lord will never allow you to apostatize, you will not only save yourself, but will help to save others.” At this time I was about thirty three years old.

The poor child suffered in this horrible manner until a white mesh began to grow over the exposed places. It was like the meshes of white net but the cells were round instead of square. Then we both got a little more rest, but I did not care what I suffered with him so long as I had him with me. The accident happened in November, and the wounds were not healed until the following March. Addie's wounds were smaller and not so severe.

The accident happened in this wise. The children were seated in front of a stove which was not very firmly set. Upon the stove stood a coffee pot of hot, or boiling water. The stove tipped and the coffee pot was precipitated into little Conway's lap, Addie receiving some of the scalding liquid also. If the little fellow had been dressed in a slipshod manner his

wounds would not have been so deep, but beinf dressed, in good woolen clothing, with his shoes tightly laced and his little knickerbockers securely fastened it took some time to get his clothing off him, and by this time the heat of the water had spent itself. But after allhis vital organs were uninjured and I stillhad him.

When he was at last able to be up he would sit in his high chair as when a baby.

Still I was obliged to leave these little children when I went to the Tithing Office to get provisions.

One day as Christmas approached I had occasion to call upon Cousin Belinda [Marden] Pratt Stenhouse who gave me two little books for my little girls. They had been sent to her little daughters by their father while he was on a business trip East some years before, but had been kept in such good condition they were almost as good as new and she was pleased to give them to me with much sympathy and affection. No doubt she called to mind the time when her father was on a mission in far off lands and realized how scanty our means were to provide for Christmas.

One of the books, the one intended for Effie, was about "Little-Red-Riding-Hood". It was beautifully illustrated. The little maiden was dressed, in scarlet hood and cloak, and the artist, in order to bring the design of the pretty little figure into bold relief, had placed a black background. There was a picture upon every page with just space enough left for a four line verse in beautiful clear pica type, as follows:—

Sweet little Red Riding Hood's mother
Ties on her scarlet hood
And sends her with gifts to her Grandma
All through the lonely wood.

A Cushat-dove follows her footsteps
When a wolfe creeps slyly near;
But she hears the ax of the woodman
And greets him without fear.

He wins her to tell him her errand
Then slyly steals away
While Red Riding Hood lingers longer
With butterflies at play.

The fair child taps at her Grandma's door
Half wearied now, with play

“Pull the string, and the latch will come up,”
She hears a gruff voice say.

She enters, she lays aside her hood
And cries with wild surprise;—
“Oh, Grandma, what long sharp teeth you have!
And oh, what fearful eyes!”

The wolf would have killed her, but shrilly
Her loud cries pierced the wood;
The brave woodman came and slew him
And saved Red Riding Hood.

The second book, given with the same kind spirit for Addie, had belonged to Mrs. Stenhouse's little Florence and had been kept with the same care as the other one. The title was “Hop o' My Thumb”, and towards Xmas I managed to get a dime or so and bought a small, but very pretty book for my little Conway. This was “Mother Goose's Rhymes”, daintily illustrated. It contained “Old King Cole,” The Cow jumped Over the Moon, and another was,

Little Polly Flinders
Sat in the cinders,
Warming her pretty little toes,
Her mother came and caught her
And whipped her little daughter
For spoiling her nice new clothes.

I knew how much pleasure these books would give and with a grateful heart laid them away for Christmas.

Some peach trees your father had planted merely for a fence, by careful watering had grown and were bearing heavily. I used to climb the trees with a small kettle in my hand and then descend and fill a larger one which stood below. As we had no planks or lumber we would climb upon the roof of our little house and spread the peaches out to dry. Little Conway would insist upon following, although but three or four years old and as fast as we fetched him down he would go right up again. And by some means he would climb upon the roof of the cow shed and sitting astride would say;—“Get up, horsey”. He was very strong and active. Your grandfather wrote one day to your father saying,—“I was passing your house the other day and saw something I thought was all Goshen coming,

when what was it but little Con, carrying a log of wood as big as himself"! Your grandfather was proud of the little fellow's physique. He was about three years old at this time.

While the peaches were drying it was time to see what could be done towards helping to provide fuel for winter. Across the street was a tannery and there the children resorted after school and on Saturday to gather the tan bark. There were others besides ours, bare-footed, as they had been all the summer, with gunny sacks in their hands and none worked more earnestly than Effie and Addie so that soon we had a big heap of tan bark piled in the corner of the shed where the stove used to stand in the summer.

As the girls grew a little larger other girls would come over and spend the evening with us, a most constant visitor being Janey Wade. She was the same age as your sister Winnie and sometimes these girls would change clothing and when Sister Wade called Janey to put up the calf, Winnie would go instead, and so they would go on until found out and then considerable merriment would follow.

Sister Wade was a dear and old time friend of my father's and an early member of the Manchester Conference. When my father formed her acquaintance first she was Sister Armstrong and was highly esteemed. In her earlier days she had been a lady's maid and was as gracious as she was refined. If we sent her any little gift of anything which she did not have, she was never satisfied unless she sent us something of as much, if not greater value, in return. Thus a bond of friendship existed between us on my father's account, and also that friendship which exists between those who have known each other during the time when they first embraced the Gospel.

Besides housework, gardening and manufacturing cloth I used to cut a great deal of wood. Sometimes I would hack away at knotty logs until I could not straighten myself up to walk into the house. This was hard work but valuable from the standpoint of experience and better perhaps for my stove and the comfort of my family than for my physical system. Your Grandfather Morris once sent up a man to cut a little wood. It was just such knotty pieces as I was accustomed to work at and after watching him for a few minutes I quietly suggested to him how he might, I thought, overcome the difficulty. He did not dispute the question but adopted my method to his entire satisfaction. I was daily working at the wood, every time I needed it, while his experience had been on other lines.

In the spring of 1868 I dreamed that I stood in mud with just enough of solid ground for me to stand upon. All that I could see was mud or earth, the walls surrounding me were mud. There was nothing but mud as high as I could see.

Also somewhere about this time there came to my bedside a person in the form of a little boy. He wore rather a grim looking shirt. I knew

that the spirit was not of God, and perhaps it was not a little boy at all, for as I understand, spirits can assume to be that which they are not. Living as I was, and situated as I was, I do not think that Our Heavenly Father would allow a grown person to appear to me in my lonely condition. I did not dare to disturb my little children so had to battle with the influence alone. My anxiety was to get rid of him. Having attended meetings since my childhood and having learned the principles of the Gospel, I knew what to do, so with all the courage I could muster, I arose and said:—"In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, depart!" He answered me, in spirit, "I do not know which way to go." I said to him, "Go, the way you came.", and he went. It seemed to me that he came through a corner of the little kitchen and he departed the same way. I did not sleep any more that night but prayed and sang, and sang and prayed until daylight.

Death of Little Conway

Along in May I was coming home from Uncle William's with Effie, Addie and little Connie. I had the latter by the hand and it seemed to me his little hand had never been so dear and precious as it was that evening, and at night, after we had retired, as he lay at my side, his presence seemed more precious to me than at any other time. There seemed to be something magnetic in his touch, and more lovely than I had words to express. There seemed to be running in my mind:—"There is sweet rest in Heaven, there is sweet rest, there is sweet rest, there is sweet rest in Heaven".

The next morning, according to appointment your Grandfather Morris sent a man to do some whitewashing, which I was accustomed to do for myself usually. If I could have proceeded according to my wish I would have had my little bedroom done first and after having put the things back there have had the kitchen done, but my rooms being so small I was obliged to upset the whole place at once, in order that he might proceed without delay. In preparing the kitchen a box of matches had been tipped over, but I picked them up at once. Perhaps he also picked some of them up and put them into the pockets of his pants, as children love to do. Effie and Addie had taken Connie to school in the morning and not seeing him about I concluded they had taken him again in the afternoon.

Early in the afternoon I was very busy shifting things so that the man might go on with the whitewashing, when I smelt brimstone and saw a fire in the chicken coop. I ran out to save my chickens. As I reached the coop, oh, my! what a sight met my eyes! There was my little Connie, in the lucern patch, lying on his back, with his little hands turned upwards and all his clothes burned off him. Oh, my, what a sight! By this time a man by the name of Shingleton approached and leaped the fence. He had seen the blaze from across the street where he was at work. A chair was brought out for me to sit upon. Sister Wade was by my side and said to

me,—“That child will have Celestial Glory for what he has suffered and so will you!” By this time many friends had gather round and had taken the child into the house. There was a fience south wind blowing at the time, which sent all the sound up the street or I might have heard his screams. People a block away could see the flames before I knew anything of it. A Brother [William] Paul, the father of Mrs. Priscilla [Paul] Jennings, and well acquainted with your father, was working in the tannery opposite and came over in a very kind manner. When I went into the house to see my poor boy, he assured me, with much sympathy, that there was no hope. Then he, or a doctor, prepared linseed oil and lime, it seems to me, and applied to him. They had laid him upon the bedroom floor, that room being empty. He asked continually for water to drink. I asked him if he had taken matches. He knew it was contrary to my wishes for him to play with fire.

Brother Paul took me over to Brother Eccles house and forbade me seeing the child again so I left him to the skill of kind neighbors, friends and relatives, for I was powerless to render any aid.

I paced the floor in agony. Many neighbors from the 16th Ward came to see me and Sister Butterworth from the 6th Ward. I felt that my mind was leaving me and exercising all my self control asked to be taken back to my home and there found a calm and heavenly influence which restored my soul a little. While I had been away little Connie had passed the throes of death.

Dear Aunt Aggie and Bro. William R. [Roberts] Jones, sen., had lovingly laid him out. Aunt Aggie begged me not to see him, telling me he was not fit.

Sister Kate Thurgood South had picked up my house-cleaning where I had left it off and all were anxious to help and comfort me. My spring seated rocker which had been my companion on many previous heart rending occasions, stood in its accustomed corner. Here I sat and passed the night. And although a spirit of peace was in our habitation as I sat in that chair, I endured weeping and wailing, and gnashing of teeth;—the gnashing of teeth being from the agony of my soul.

The following morning Aunt Aggie and Bro. William R. Jones prepared my treasured child for his last resting place. Later, Apostle John Taylor called on me and he preached the funeral discourse. The funeral was held in Auntie’s front room, the house being unoccupied at the time, Auntie being down south on a visit. I have no recollection of going to the cemetery.

Knowing that work was the best remedy for sorrow I went right at it, and after cleaning the pieces of linsey which had been applied to my darling’s wounds, I prepared to use them for making a warm quilt for the winter. Friends continued to call upon me, and Cousin Lona, who spent

the week with me, wished they would not do so as my feelings were being constantly harrowed up.

Finally dear Cousin Lona was obliged to return home, but Miss Rachel Guiver stayed with me at night until the Fall, as I could not bear the thought of being alone, my sorrow being always fresh upon my mind.

One morning, after I had arisen, Effie dreamed that she saw Conway up towards the ceiling. She said he was wearing his Sunday clothes and looked rosy and fair and she noticed that a few freckles, which had been upon his face in life, were no longer there. He looked very happy and said it was a nice place where he was. Then he remarked; "There's Addie yolled out on e floor.", and sure enough Addie had rolled out on the floor as he had said. I believe he came because I was out of the room. Our friends do not like to be near us when we are in grief.

One day, I think it was the first time I had been out after his death, his absence came upon me so forcefully that it seemed as if my heart would break and tears streamed from my eyes as I moaned in my loneliness and yearning for my treasured one.

One evening, as I was standing silently weeping at my gate, Father Wade came by and said;—"Don't you know that in the morning of the resurrection you will take your little boy by the hand, just as you had him in this life?" I cannot tell you how these words comforted me. Your father had a warning about trouble and after receiving word from Uncle Richard, went into mourning for little Conway. When he wrote to me he said that he attached no blame to anyone and that it might have been worse, since others might have been with him to share the same fate. He asked me to write him more particulars as soon as I felt able, but it was more than two months before I had strength to comply with his request.

One day, as I was passing Sister Lavina Johnson's house she remarked that she did not see how I could keep my senses. I told her that I tried to keep possession of my mind, because if I did not do so, some other power would soon possess it.

During the summer, our neighbor, Sister William R. Jones, lost a little child and I went to render any assistance I could to her in her trouble. As the funeral discourse was delivered the wounds in my heart were laid bare, as if by a surgeon's knife, and I could not repress my violent sobbing.

Sister Jones was a very neat thrifty person and we were good friends. After the funeral she told me that she liked my way of working, and asked if I would arrange to come to her during the winter when she expected to be sick.

Poor little Addie was heart-broken at the loss of her little brother and she longed, yes yearned, to continue her play with him, and refused to be comforted. Often she would cry and say she wanted to play with

Connie. She even clung to a large cat we had, because it was associated with herself and little brother around the family hearth.

When chips were put upon the fire, for we had no coal, if the flame was a little high up the chimney Effie and Addie would watch my face with great anxiety.

If a bon-fire was kindled in an adjacent lot I could not rest until I knew it was extinguished, and often, in the middle of the night I went out to see if any fire had been left in the embers, and carry water to extinguish it if there was. One night I went into the street and found a large heap of ashes containing so much fire that when I poured water upon it, the steam and sparks rose to the second story of the house, where the inmates unconsciously slept.

If a train approached during a wind I must go down upon my knees and ask my Heavenly Father to protect us from the falling sparks. I took the two little girls to the theatre where we witnessed a play entitled "The Streets of New York", and during the street scene where the fire occurs, the poor little things watched my face until the agony had passed from it.⁵⁸

Third Year of Missionary Life

In January, 1868 I went to our friends Bro. and Sister Wm. H. Jones, according to the promise previously made, but in order to do so, I had to make arrangements for my two remaining children to be cared for during my absence from home. Addie stayed with Auntie and Aunt Aggie made Effie happy and welcome.

I had plenty to do in my new position, for I was housekeeper, cook and laundress, as well as nurse. The washing I was obliged to do in a room without fire for but few people had more than one stove in those days, it being hard enough to obtain fuel for even one fire, and I did not consider that the steam from laundry work would be suited to my patient and her new born baby. I went home at night, Bro. Jones being at home then to attend to his wife.

I well remember, after washing in the cold room all the afternoon, how my feet felt as I hobbled in the snow to the Tithing Office to purchase flour, and from thence home to climb the haystack, in the dark, to feed my cow. But I did not murmur, for I loved the Gospel and was willing that my husband should preach it to others.

Sister Jones' baby was named Patience Mary Jane [Jones], and is with us yet, bless her.

58. *The Streets of New York* (also called *The Poor of New York*) was a play by Dion Boucicault first performed in 1857. In the play, a New York tenement is set on fire. Bordman, *Oxford Companion*, 505.

Bro. Jones and his sons, William Richard [Jones] and James Samuel [Jones], brought in wood and water at night for my use during the day, as was the custom in all wellordered households.

Talking of firewood, I have seen the time, during your father's absence, when I was as hungry for warmth as a person could be for food. Once I went to a neighbor's to get warm, leaving the children in bed.

Upon another occasion I was picking up a few chips of wood in the Tabernacle grounds when a man ordered me off, refusing me this small privilege.

One day I went to get a missionary order, as usual, but was told there were none, but that we could get help from the ward. This so wounded my feelings that I wept all the way home, feeling that I would rather rent my two smallrooms and live in a tent than accept ward relief.

We had not lacked for food up to this time, as the orders we received from the Missionary Fund gave us provisions from the Tithing Office.

Some time after this I was making a dress for Janey Wade, and the sun was shining in our little kitchen making it look warm and bright, although there was very little fuel in the stove, only tan bark and a little wood and it was bitterly cold in spite of the sun. Sister Wade came in and remarked how bright and cozy it was, but we had nothing in the house to eat but bread. Had she known this she would have paid for the work in advance.

Lack of sufficient nourishment began to tell upon me and the children also. There was a heavy log of wood upon our sawing horse and when I stopped to regain my breath after sawing, little Effie would volunteer to help, but this work was too much for her and her heart began to trouble her. I took her to Dr. Benzon, a gentleman of our faith, and he told me to give her plenty of nourishing food and not to let her work beyond her strength.

One day Mrs. Empie came in and asked me if I would go over and wash for her as she was going out of town unexpectedly, and in return gave me some red calico with which I made my little Effie a dress with yoke and belt waist. I was very thankful for this as she needed a new dress to wear at an entertainment at the Sixth Ward a few days later.

On another occasion I did some washing for Sister Eccles. our kind neighbor, but it was almost too much for me. There were no washing machines or boards in those days, everything was rubbed in the hands. They noticed my weakened condition, and said;—"Now, we know that you are not strong". To help me they made lunch several times, giving me tea to drink, but when I reached home I could not sleep my limbs ached so much and also the tea prevented me from resting.

Finding that I could not do such hard work, I tried to obtain some sewing. Amongst other things I made a fine shirt for Proffessor Orson

Pratt. I was sitting on my door step stitching the fronts by a drawn thread when a rather inquisitive neighbor passing, came and stood near me, but I did not fear her scrutiny for I had learned to stitch by the thread at school and had made shirts for my husband while yet in my teens.

As the spring advanced, instead of renting my rooms, as I had proposed, I tried to turn my knowledge of millinery to some account, and with the help of Aunt Aggie worked up a nice little business. When I had a difficult piece of work I went to her home, eight blocks away, for help and advice.

I often made over hats for customers which required more skill than making new ones, and also obtained work from the millinery stores in town and even succeeded in satisfying one lady by remaking a hat she had just bought from a millinery store.

I made straw hats for gentlemen as well as ladies, one of my patrons being Bishop Robert T. Burton. I also made one for Joseph Henderson, Uncle Isaac's Brother-in-law in Weber County. With the money I received for the latter I bought two quarts of coal oil to burn in my pretty little lamp, and can remember to this day how proud I felt, for coal oil was a luxury in those days.

At this time there was a great deal of beautiful straw braid made in Utah, also straw trimming which looked like lace, but was more substantial. This was very dainty and becoming, and was much worn. I had a white straw bonnet with straw trimmings which looked very nice with a purple dress your father had sent me and I was thirty years old then and in the prime of life.

About this time Bro. T. C. [Thomas Cott] Griggs asked me to teach in the Sunday School, saying "It strikes me you would make a good teacher". I had a nice class of girls, some of whom were the sisters of Thomas F. Howles, Ellen and Ella Gant, Emma [Louisa] Brown (sister of your brother-in-law James S. Brown), their cousin Amy Chamberlain, a daughter of Bishop Benjamin [Thomas] Mitchell and others.

The First Relief Society

I also did active work in the Relief Society and Ward Choir. I remember when the Relief Society built their new hall how proud I felt to give a bonnet of my own making as my donation. It was of rice straw and trimmed with blue, if I remember rightly, but I know it was sold and the money applied as I had intended. I saw our beloved President, Sister Sarah M. [Melissa Granger] Kimball lay the South-east stone of this edifice, with a silver trowel. Bro William L. [Lawrence Spicer] Binder led the singing in which I was privileged to take part. Ours, the Fifteenth Ward Relief Society Hall, was the first to be built in this dispensation, and Sister Sarah M. Kimball the first, or one of the first, to speak of erecting a Women's Building. It

was opened in May, 1869. The lower part was used for mercantile purposes and continued to be so used until 1900, when a new substantial brick structure was erected in place of the old one.⁵⁹

Speaking of the Relief Society reminds me that the first Primary Association of the Ward was held in the north side of the old Fifteenth Ward Grainary. I was called to take charge of it, while Sister Sarah M. Kimball directed it, offering the use of her school house in which to teach the children their little songs. Many of these were written by Sister Eliza R. [Roxey] Snow, and Sister Kimball wrote one, a verse of which I remember, as follows:

"Come and join our labor classes,
Join with us in doing good,
What we do may help to furnish
Some poor child with clothes or food.

Mrs. Robert T. Burton taught the class to braid. I think these little meetings were first begun in our house in 1867 when we invited some of the neighbor's children in and taught them to sew and talked to them about good things.

Father Returns From His Mission

In June 1869 your father returned from his European Mission, having left home on May 25th 1865. It may be of interest to note here that he then brought with him the first company of Saints to cross the plains by rail.⁶⁰ The railroad then terminated in Ogden. In referring to the Church Cronology I find the above statement to be correct.

I need not describe his joy at returning home to his loved ones or our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for this happy reunion. You can picture this for yourselves, having, many of you, passed through similar experiences.

When your father saw my efforts in the Millinery business, he wanted to build me a store next to his, upon the block where the *Deseret News* Building now stands. While I appreciated his confidence in my ability, yet

59. The Fifteenth Ward Relief Society Hall was the first such building in the church. The building's cornerstone was laid in November 1868. The building, which cost \$2,631, hosted Relief Society meetings in its upper story and had a store operated by the Relief Society on its lower floor. Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 131; Derr, Cannon, and Beecher, *Women of Covenant*, 99–102.

60. Elias Morris returned from his Wales mission in May 1869 in charge of a company of over three hundred members of the LDS church immigrating to Utah. This was the first company of LDS immigrants to travel over the transcontinental railroad, which had been completed in 1869. "Elias Morris," in Romney, *The Gospel in Action*, 122; AJ, 1:638.



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I could see far enough into the future to realize that when my children might be passing through attacks of illness, if I were obliged to be absent from home in order to attend to this business, they must naturally suffer, and perhaps, might even die, because deprived of a mother's CONSTANT care, so I declined his kind offer.

In contemplating the above circumstance, I find that I had builded better than I knew then, for if there is one thing connected with my children which is dearer than life itself, that is their morals, and had I been engaged in business away from home I could not have plucked out the little weeds as they peered through the virgin soil of their little minds, and planted in their place a flower to bloom and flourish in their future lives.

I continued however, to do millinery work at home and it was quite a help to your father, as of course it took some time to establish his business again, after having been absent so long.

The winter of 1869 and 1870 had more of happiness in it for me than I had known for the past seven years or more. I continued my attendance at the Ward Choir and actively engaged in Relief Society and Sunday School work. The Superintendents and teachers of the Sunday School contributed original articles and poems to a monthly paper called the *Educational Solicitor*.⁶¹ This afforded us much intellectual enjoyment and some amusement, as humorous subjects were sometimes treated upon. Miss Sallie Russell was the editor. I well remember taking my first little contribution, and hearing Sister Grey, another of the committee say, "I'll risk it". This kind concession encouraged me to more pretentious efforts in the future.

Then there were pleasant parties given in the ward in which I had my chare of pleasure. At one of these little affairs I was told by a lady friend, Sister Nell Pratt Driggs,—“You look as sweet as a peach, as if you hadn't a baby at all.”

The First Railroad Train Enters Salt Lake City

On the 10th of January, 1870, the first railroad from Ogden to Salt Lake City was completed. I saw the last spike driven in the line which brought the first train to Utah's Capitol. President Brigham Young drove the spike and Joseph A. Young made the speech.⁶² It was welcomed by a great

61. The *Educational Solicitor* was a monthly magazine put out by the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Sunday school beginning in January 1869. The publication had "ladies' and gentlemen's departments, edited by different members of the school. The editors were changed for each number. The magazine was read at each session of the teachers' monthly meeting." *History of the Fifteenth Ward Sunday School, Fifteenth Ward, Salt Lake City, Utah*, 9.

62. The transcontinental railroad was completed at Promontory Summit, eighty-five miles northwest of Ogden, Utah, on May 10, 1869. Soon after its completion, the Utah

celebration. At night we stood upon the steps of the theatre to witness the great display of fireworks in honor of the occasion. One piece was General George Washington on horseback. This created quite a sensation in those early days. Effie was then ten years old, having been but six when her father went away.

Soon after your father's return from his mission he took a trip into Iron County with the intention of locating there again, and was received with open arms by his friends, but being advised to remain in Salt Lake City, he came back and after a while obtained employment as Engrossing Clerk to the Legislative Assembly, there being nothing doing in his trade during the winter.

The trip occupied a couple of months, during which time he would, had he been at home, have made provision for the cold weather, but under the circumstances we found ourselves poorly provided with fuel, having almost nothing but the tan bark collected by the little girls. Upon one occasion I remember being unable to obtain sufficient heat to make the potatoes boil, but when the usual supper hour arrived, was surprised to find the potatoes were perfectly cooked, although they had not boiled, so I thanked kind Providence for this, as for other blessings received from time to time.

My knowledge of millinery work was a great help to me during the following Spring, for a mason's work does not open up early, although by the middle of March your father had begun building an addition to the largest hotel in town, the Townsend House.⁶³ Often we could not get butter for our bread, but I felt more sympathy for Auntie's family than for ourselves, as she was sick. I was glad to take whatever I could get for my work such as dried fruit, fish or even flour. I remember taking a few hats to the Ward Store for which I was to receive thirty-five cents, and buying something to eat with the money. I know the last five cents was spent for butter! You younger children do not know how good food tastes when you have been deprived of it.

As the Spring opened up however, I was able to save a little money and finally, by borrowing five dollars upon a piece of velvet I had by me, had enough to send to England for a sewing machine. It was called the "Little Wanzer". Your father had brought one with him for the combined use of his two families, but I thought I would get one for my exclusive use

Railroad Company constructed a branch line from Salt Lake City to Ogden. Construction of the branch line was begun in May 1869 and completed less than eight months later. The last spike was driven in by Brigham Young in Salt Lake City on January 10, 1870, "in the midst of great rejoicing." *Comp. History*, 5:249-51.

63. The Townsend House, or Continental Hotel, was used for social occasions and was frequented by tourists visiting Salt Lake City. E. V. Fohlin, *Salt Lake City Past and Present*, 128.

while trade was brisker than it might be after the Fourth of July. I bought dresses for Effie and Addie and shoes also I think, and proud was I to see my two little daughters neatly dressed by my own earnings. The dresses were dark blue delaine with small pink roses on them, and being a milliner their hats were easily arranged for. I also made a hat for your father of fine rice straw, which he wore for best. Your brother Johnnie when he was six months old, I made a turban with a round brim, of fine white rice straw trimmed with blue plush with rosettes to match.

Birth of Nephi

In May of this year I discontinued my very pleasant associations with the Ward Choir and on October 2nd, 1870 my son Nephi was born, about two o'clock in the morning. He was a welcome guest and was received with a thankful heart. When, a month later, I took him to the Fast Meeting his father blessed him, to be mighty in the Truth, like Nephi of old. Before he was many months old I had a gathered breast and before this had healed the other breast gathered also, causing me much suffering. While the first one was so bad I did my work as usual and made a little dress for Addie to wear at a party. Sister Eccles, who was herself an industrious woman, remarked;—"I don't see how you manage to do it all under the circumstances."

When he was four months old I took him in my arms and visited my block in the capacity of a Relief Society Teacher. A little later a slight eruption appeared upon his head which gave me great uneasiness, so I took him to Bro. C.R. [Charles Roscoe] Savage, the photographer, to have his picture taken, fearing that he might die. Bro. Savage spoke sharply to me telling me that the eruption was nothing and was a good thing for the child, but I had not recovered from the shock of the horrible death of my last little child and the least thing made me nervous. Before he was a year old he became seriously ill with summer complaint, so much so that at one time I listened to hear if he still breathed. The night that the disease assumed its most dangerous symptoms was the night that your grandfather Morris lay dead at his home in the Sixth Ward. Thinking I might get some consolation, about midnight I took him in my arms and carried him to where your father was watching by the remains of HIS father, but I carried my baby back home again, without consolation, and so the night wore on. The following morning your Uncle Richard came over, in a very kind manner, to see us and suggested some simple remedy. In those days for summer complaint we would burn a corn cob and make tea from the ashes. Sister Eccles also came over and begged me above all not to become discouraged for the sake of the child, so for his dear sake I tried to be brave and after a time was thankful to see signs of restoration to health. This illness occurred soon after we had moved into

a little new two roomed house which your father had built for us in the lucern patch.

Value of a Bucket of Water

A little incident happened just about this time which is worthy of being mentioned Your Aunt Nancy's [Nancy Cook Morris] little daughter Catherine Vaughn [Morris], was very seriously ill, so your father and I went over one night to relieve them by sitting up with the sick child. It had been my custom to bring in a bucket of water every evening in case it might be needed during the night. Upon this occasion we left Effie with the baby, in my bed room and Addie, with Addie Ridges, who was staying with us, upon a lounge in the kitchen The carpenter, in finishing the kitchen, to make it more complete had put a small cupboard in the fire-place to hold the stove furniture, also a large cupboard upon either side, These, with the mantel being of wood, the whole side of this room practically was of that material, even the top of the little cupboard, upon which, unknown to us, during the evening, some soot had fallen and was smoldering, and during the night broke into a blaze, burning the cupboard and part of the mantel and would soon have reached the other woodwork but for the presence of mind of our little Effie, then about eleven years old. Addie, and Addie Ridges were paralyzed almost, with fear, but Effie coolly took up the water PROVIDED and extinguished the flames, and so the children were saved.

A few days later little Katie Vaughn, your cousin, went to a brighter and better home.

The following spring your father added three more rooms to this house and in the following May we moved into these, renting the first two and adding a pantry to our side.

Birth of Ray Godwin

On June 20th, 1872 another little son came to bless our home. We called him Ray Godwin [Morris] and he was as fair and amiable as one could desire. It has been said that he was too fair and good for this world, but I think many have lived as fair and pure as he was. Patient, even when imposed upon, I can see him now sitting, all too long, in his high chair, while I prepared supper for our two boarders who lived with us the following winter. Their names were Ed and Will Durnford, and they were doing work upon the Germania Smelting Company's plant which your father was building. Their home was in the eastern part of town but they boarded with us, having to go to work each day upon the train which passed our house. They were nice pleasant young men and we enjoyed their society. Cousin Isaac [Conway Morris], then an orphan and about 12 years old, was also added to my family a little later.

The two rooms of which this house at first consisted were built from

material that had been formerly used in the Overland Stage Office. After the advent of the railway this building was pulled down and your father engaged to erect another building upon its site so he bargained for the old material for his own use, hence the two large cupboards which had glassdoors, in the kitchen where the fire took place. While these rooms were neither modern nor elegant they were nice and comfortable for those days, especially when a front and back porch were added.

The summer that little Ray was born your father built a handsome new house for Auntie's family. I was told that the paper upon the walls was the most costly in the city. After it was finished your father invited some friends to come to his home after meeting, and as the friends were dear to me also asked me to come over and join them. As I stood upon the threshold of this elegant parlor I asked myself the question, "Shall I enter here and have my feelings hurt?", but these friends being related to me in marriage and knowing that I had a warm place in their hearts, I said, "Yes, I will enter." But I wished that I had not done so as I sat near the door beholding so many things that would have wounded a nature even less sensitive than my own, as I sat there like a stranger.

The following February, when little Ray was seven months old, your father was taken seriously ill and with little Ray in my arms I went over to see him on my way to meeting. While in meeting I felt impressed that trouble was ahead of us and in spite of every effort could not keep back my tears while the meeting was progressing, feeling all the time that your father was going to die.

A few days later I again felt the presence of death so vividly that I could not shake off the presentiment. The baby too was quite sick, and I had taken him to our dear friend Sister Esther Le Baron, who pronounced the trouble which he seemed to have in his groin, as canker. She knew a great deal about sickness and many remedies, but was opposed to doctors, saying that she wanted no more children killed by them. I had often seen babies sore in these parts during teething and had known of many obstinate cases where, when the trouble with the particular tooth was removed, the soreness had healed by itself. Auntie's little son Earnie [Ernest Edwin Morris], during teething, had been troubled with an eruption upon his head which the doctor had succeeded in healing, only to have it break out in another place, so I could not see that any good had been done by his attendance.

Death of Little Ray

But had I realized that it was the canker that ailed my baby and known at the time the seriousness of this dread disease, which like a snake may attack the vitals before we are aware of its presence, I should have been aware of the danger and might have taken more precaution, perhaps.

And so our treasured one passed away on the 20th of February, 1873. The snow was so deep at the time that we did not step out of the carriage. It was a great shock to me as I had not realized the gravity of his condition. In order to bridge over my grief a little, dear Aunt Aggie took me home with her for a few days. Little Ernest was so bad that night that we did not know how it would go with him.

Here are some poems I wrote some time later, in memory of our darling.

Poem To Little Ray

Little Ray.

Son of Elias and Mary Lois Morris, Born June 20th, 1872
Died February 20th, 1873

Thou art gone far away to thy beautiful rest
We cannot behold thee again,
Thine own precious image we may not caress
In this world of sorrow and pain.
We fain would retain thee, it 'twere Heaven's will
That thou shouldst remain with us here.
But the Father hath called thee, a mission to fill
In yonder bright Heavenly sphere.

We cannot recall thee, nor ask thee to stay.
Thy sufferings are grievous to bear.
While angels are waiting to take thee away
Where all is most lovely and fair.
Thy hand is outstretched to receive the last kiss
Thy mother doth fondly bestow
Thine eyes glancing round, on thy father to gaze,
For death, now, creeps over thy brow.

Thine eyeballs grow weary, thy patience unchanged
Thy sufferings no tongue can describe
(The heart-strings are subject to piteous pains
Where death has the power to divide.)
Thy breath draweth shorter, thy life's ebbing fast
Thine eyelids now closing in rest.
Thy woes are all ended, thy tortures are passed,
Thy spirit is now with the blest.

Poem—The Vacant Chair

The Vacant Chair

The vacant chair, that hallowed spot
Where sat my cherub bright;—
His limbs were round, his eyes were blue,
His brow was spotless white.
His gentle ways, his happy smile,
His patience seldom met,
For even when imposed upon
He was contented yet.

The golden glint upon his hair,
His soft and loving touch
There's nought to me that can compare
And nothing else is such.

Wilt thou not take a word of love
To dear ones, gone from earth
From parents who, though now bereft,
Were honored in thy birth?

Go, Angel, Lamb, and stay thee there
In those fair realms of light
While we, for lasting peace prepare
In this dark land of blight.

To Little Ray
June 20th, 1873

A ray of rosy sunlight
That gladdened all my heart
Alas, too soon, it perished
And left a stinging smart.

'Tis the birthday of my cherub
And he has passed away;—

How sharp the pang that pierces
My heart, this livelong day!

But the rosebud fair will blossom
On a brighter, happier shore
And there we may caress him,
Where parting is no more.

The ways of God are perfect
The "why" not always clear
But resting in his perfect love
The end we need not fear.

I will turn back a year or two in order to relate an incident, which in view of subsequent events became important in the history of our family.

In the Fall of 1871 Edward Ashton, one of the early members of the 15th Ward and a man highly respected in the community, came, bringing his eldest son, Edward T. [Treharne] Ashton, to your father in order to apprentice him to the firm of Morris & Evans to learn the building trade. When the preliminary arrangements had been completed Bro. Ashton jocosely remarked that perhaps when his son had finished his period of apprenticeship he might wish to continue the association by marrying one of Elias Morris's daughters.

The Spring following the death of little Ray, Sister Maria Burton was very sick with canker, and having her son Willie's [William Shipley Burton] dear little motherless babe [Julia Horne Burton] to tend was badly in need of help. Your father wanted Effie to go and render her what assistance she could, especially as Bro. Burton was just preparing to go on a mission and there was much to be done. Sister Burton was a good housekeeper but our little girl, although only fifteen years of age, was able to give her such good satisfaction that when she was leaving and Sister Burton was settling up with her, she remarked, "You have done the work of a woman and you shall have the pay of a woman". Effie was always energetic and the year previous to this, when we had little Ray, although only fourteen years old, she would do the week's washing and then ask if she might go up to Aunt Aggie's. This summer, I remember, she wore a simple, though tastefully made buff suit with a sailor hat with blue gauze streamers fastened with a bunch of daisies. This hat was becoming to her face with her large blue eyes and wealth of golden hair.

The following winter she went to school. About Christmas time Sister Sarah M. Kimball, president of our Relief Society, offered a prize of a gold ring for the best essay on the Birth of Christ. Sister Kimball

remarked that if her daughter Lizzie [Kimball] would read it, she would write an essay for her upon this subject. I concluded that if it was right for Sister Kimball to indite the paper for her daughter, it was perfectly proper for me to do so for mine, knowing that with her retiring nature, Effie would deserve the ring if she could get sufficient courage to read the essay. So I carefully read over the story as contained in the Gospels and one morning I arose early and taking my paper in hand, asked for Divine guidance upon my labor. Sister Kimball had charge of the affair which was to be held on Christmas Day. The meeting house was darkened and candles burning upon a large Xmas tree gave a subdued but beautiful illumination. Bishop Edward Hunter, of the Presiding Bishopric was the guest of honor and Mrs. Belle Guthrie and Bro. T. C. Griggs the adjudicating committee, with one other. Effie wore a very plain, neatly fitting black and blue plaid dress with a pink ribbon. One of the girls who was competing was a rather pompous person and dressed accordingly, and as Effie passed her she seemed to feel an influence come from her, which might have been expressed in these words;—"You need not think that a poor little thing like you can get the prize". This added to poor little Effie's nervousness and lifting up her heart to God she asked Him to cause that the one who deserved the prize might get it. This simple earnest prayer could not fail to ascend to the place to which it was wafted by a sincere heart. I suppose too, that Effie read the little essay in a spirit of humility, trusting in God alone. In any case, it proved satisfactory to the adjudicators and she received the ring. This added to the enjoyment of our Xmas repast, to which we had invited Mrs. Lulu [Louisa Lula] Green Richards, Editor of the *Woman's Exponent* and her husband Elder Levi W. [Willard] Richards, fellow missionary with your father, to Great Britain. Your dear Aunt Aggie and Aunt Kesiah [Keziah Downes] Pratt were also our guests upon this occasion. One of the dishes we had for dinner was dressed ducks. Your father said something about the bones, and Bro. Richards rather humorously remarked that he supposed they were made to hold the meat that was on them.

Sister Richards made a complimentary notice of our little dinner in her paper, and later Bishop Hunter asked for a copy of the essay that Effie had read and a synopsis of it was published in the *Exponent*.⁶⁴ My father,

64. The *Woman's Exponent* (1872-1914) was a periodical published and owned by LDS women that discussed a wide range of topics, including women's suffrage and rights, geography, literature, history, and current affairs. Issued bimonthly, it was eight pages long and was widely read. The magazine was independent of the LDS church but had a strong emphasis on themes of the Relief Society, such as thrift and home industry, and it strongly defended polygamy. Part of its mission was "persuading the scornful East that Mormons were respectable and should be admitted to the union." Bushman, "Reports from the Field: The World of the *Woman's Exponent*," 297-300; Sherilyn Cox Bennion, "The *Woman's Exponent*: Forty-two Years of Speaking for Women," 222-39; EM, 1571.

who was then residing at De Kalb, Ill. saw a notice in a paper with regard to it and was much pleased and sent Effie a beautiful book mark in black and white silk with a design representing Our Saviour blessing the Cup.

Effie, by this time, was able to make her own clothes and showed much ability in this direction. Upon one occasion I gave her a pair of dotted swiss curtains, with which she made a very pretty polonaise, which worn over a blue skirt had a good effect. She also made a pale green chambray, which was very becoming to her, but one which I think I liked the best was a white dress with a soft gilt leather belt which corresponded with her hair. At that time young girls wore what was called a Grecian braid. The hair was combed to the back of the head where a braid as broad as the hand was made, tapering of course naturally to the end, where it was tied with a bow of ribbon, or, as Effie did, with ties made of some inexpensive material. Some of the girls had such beautiful hair that their braid would reach half way down their skirts.

Speaking of Christmas just now reminds me that a few days before Christmas in 1872, I think, your father took one of his best teams and one of his men and canvassed the ward, asking for provisions, etc. to make Christmas happy for some of the less favored brethren and sisters. This was the beginning of the custom of the Bishop's collections at Christmas time which has now become general. It would take a man with a generous heart, like your father, to concoct such a plan.

Our home by this time was quite comfortable. The two rooms that I had previously rented becoming vacant, your father told me to go to Brother [Samuel Lineam] Evans and he would attend to the matter of furnishing the little parlor for our use. The carpet, which your father helped me to select, was a handsome ingrain with shades of brown and orange with a white thread for relief; also a rug to match. Then we had a large round table and cane seated chairs and a rocker. For the table I had a beautiful green damask cover which your father had brought from England some four years previously. This cloth is handsome today after the wear and tear of thirty years. A fire-place was built under the mantel-piece to which I referred in speaking of the fire and this gave the room a cheery appearance. The window was small but looked well for those days.

Birth Of George Q.

I remember the night of the 19th of February, 1874 as distinctly as if it were last night. Effie, Addie and I were seated comfortably in our front room and I was directing Effie in making a school dress. I was not feeling very well and retired early leaving her at work. The next morning about 11:20 another precious son was born to us. The morning was cold and a heavy snow had fallen during the night, drifting so that it was higher than the front porch, and the little snow birds came to the window looking for

food and leaving the marks of their tiny feet upon the snow. But within the happy mother and her darling baby lay cozy and warm.

We named him George Q. [Quayle Morris] in honor of our highly esteemed apostle George Q. [Quayle] Cannon. His hair was yellow, his skin fair, and his eyes of a hazel color. When he was about three weeks old he had jaundice, and a week later, a gathered finger which affected the tiny finger nail, leaving a mark which remains to this day. At two months he contracted a severe cold which turned to pneumonia. Alarming symptoms set in and Sister Pierpont, a neighbor, assisted me in putting him through a course of Lobelia.⁶⁵ While under the influence of this treatment we thought he was going to die, so your father, in administering to him, ordained him to the High Priesthood. When he recovered from the affects of the lobelia, however, he seemed better, but I took him out of the kitchen and remained in the bedroom with him and did not attempt to do anything but take care of him. Your father stayed with me while he was so ill and your Aunt Aggie, Sister Ridges and Aunt Hannah Morris all helped by sitting up at night.

The night Aunt Aggie sat up with me she asked me what I thought of him? I told her that I thought he would recover. One afternoon our dear president, Sister Sarah M. Kimball called and taking him upon her lap, she remarked; "It is no matter now, but if you ever have a case like this again, put a wet cloth over his chest with a flannel one over that." On her way home she called on our mutual friend, Sister Le Baron, and said, "I think in the morning you will send me word that he has gone home." He used to like me to sing to him and it seemed to comfort him. One night I sat up all night with him in my arms, singing at intervals, and your father good humoredly remarked that it was as good as a concert to be here. But the Lord was gracious to us and spared this precious babe to prove a blessing in later years.

Death of Grandfather Walker

Your Grandfather Walker and his wife had moved some time previous to this, to De Kalb, Illinois, where his wife had died and Aunt Aggie, hearing that his health was failing him, sent for him to come and live with her in her home in Sugar House Ward in order that she might care for him to the end, but when he arrived, your cousin Aggie being very ill, your father and I met him at the depot with a conveyance and brought him to our home where he stayed for several weeks. I remember how delicious

65. Lobelia (*Lobelia inflata*) was used to stimulate respiration and cause vomiting, but if too high a dose is taken, it "slows respiration and lowers blood pressure drastically." The toxins in lobelia can cause nausea, paralysis, convulsions, coma, and death. Claire Kowalchik and William H. Hylton, eds., *Rodale's Illustrated Encyclopedia of Herbs* (Emmaus, Pennsylvania: Rodale Press, 1987), 364.

the children found the remains of his lunch, in spite of the fact that it had been brought hundreds of miles over the railroad. He was interested in the children and would amuse little George, then about nine months old. One day he remarked, with regard to Addie; then about thirteen years of age;—"There is a great deal of the executive about that child".

In the beginning of this "Sketch of My Life", my dear children, I gave a brief account of my father's conversion to the truth of the Gospel and of his faithful labors in the missionary field. At that time he was full of the Spirit of the Gospel and the blessing of the Lord followed his efforts wherever he went. After the death of our dear mother he returned to England where he again engaged in missionary work. At the time he left we were living in St. Louis. I married soon afterwards and came on to the Valley with my husband and his parents. It was four years before my father returned, and during this time I had buried your Uncle John, and at the latter's request;—and in strict accordance with the command of God to both ancient and modern Israel, I had married my husband's elder brother—namely, your father.

In the meantime, my father had married a Miss Mary Ann Morton, whose acquaintance he had made in Great Britain during his missionary labors previous to our emigration. This lady was of a refined nature and very devotional. She was the authoress of several hymns which are to be found in the Latter Day Saint's Hymn Book, above her signature.

It was during a visit to your Aunt Aggie, that I first met Mrs. Walker and I treated her with all the respect due my father's wife. I also stayed at their home a few days later, while I made a suit of Temple clothes by hand, for your Uncle Charles.

Now, Mrs. Walker, though a very devout person, and believed firmly in the Bible, did not seem to understand that God must have a channel through which to communicate to His people. It was during one of the nights of this few days of my stay with them, that I tried to convince Mrs. Walker of the necessity of the Holy Priesthood. During this interview she told me that she received Mormonism and Spiritualism at the same time!⁶⁶ (No wonder that they did not assimilate very well!) I continued to labor with her, but in the morning she was of the same opinion.

66. Spiritualism was an alternative religious movement (somewhat similar to "New Age" movements) that was influential in the U.S. between 1850 and 1890. Influenced by the Swedish mystic Emanuel Swedenborg, spiritualism argued that "matter and spirit were essentially one and that the universe contained a multitude of 'correspondences' between the physical and the spiritual." Spiritualism also taught that there was a benevolent afterlife with no hell or punishment and that it was possible to converse with spirits of the dead. Richard Wightman Fox and James T. Kloppenberg, *A Companion to American Thought*, 650–51.

About two years later, during another visit to your Grandfather's home one Sunday afternoon, he read to me from a periodical called "The True Latter-Day Saint's Herald"⁶⁷ It was a vile sheet and very much like the Salt Lake Tribune in spirit. I listened to him very attentively until he had finished. He then paused for a moment as if for comment. After a little reflection, I said to him,—“Father, I am your child, and but a child compared to you, yet I can see that if you continue to read that paper, you will apostatize.” He made no reply verbally, but I could read his answer in the influence that came from him, as plainly as if it had been written upon his face, and it was this;—“It makes no difference if I do.”

I think it was during this visit that he gave me my choice of one of three Daguerriotype likenesses of himself, and the one I chose I have to this day.

After our return to Salt Lake City from Iron County, he used often to call to see us, but seemed to have a fault-finding spirit. On one occasion he was returning from his High Priest's Quorum meeting and he sneered at the singing of the President of the Quorum. At another time, in conversation with reference to the building of the Salt Lake Theatre, he asked;—“Why build a theatre, why not build the Temple and do work for the dead?”

Your Grandfather was of course aged by this time and perhaps did not realize as well as he might have done when he was younger, that working men need some wholesome recreation. And besides, it was not my father's place to attempt to steady the Ark!

At another time when I called upon him and reference was made with regard to the settling of Dixie, as St George was then termed, and I happened to state that the climate was improving, he replied that he did not believe it. I assured him that it was so however. This was after your Uncle Charles had moved down there.

During the time that we were living in St. Louis, Mo. we, made the acquaintance of a man by the name of Joseph Morris, who was a member of the St. Louis branch of the church. This man Morris was very good looking, but decidedly soft, in my opinion—and you will agree with me when I tell you a little incident with regard to him.—

One day he called, and in conversation with my father, told him that he had received a letter from a young lady who had made love to him. The epistle was signed Caroline Parthing, and she gave her address. I remember an extract from the letter as follows;—“Come to me, dearest, I am lonely without thee; Daytime and night time I'm thinking about thee.” At the same time he told my father that he did not get along with

67. The *True Latter-day Saints' Herald* was the magazine of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. It was published from 1860 to 1876 in Cincinnati, Ohio.

his wife very well! The burden of his errand was to get into communication with the young lady, and he seemed to think that your grandfather could help him, so it was agreed that I should call at the address and see her. I was only fifteen years old and did not relish the job at all, but would not think of disobeying my father, so I found the young lady but she knew nothing about the affair, so we concluded that someone had been making a fool of Mr. Joseph Morris.

You may well ask, "What has this to do with your Grandfather's apostasy?" but you will see presently. It was said that this man Morris was twice cut off the Church for committing adultery.

Notwithstanding this he found his way to the Valley, and started up a new sect, if you please. He had a fascinating manner, but did not have brains enough to carry on any great scheme, but was assisted by a man of the name of John Banks, who was a man of great intelligence and who had presided over the London Conference at the time that your Grandfather was travelling in that district.

There was also another man named Richard Cook who was very prominent in the Manchester Conference at the time that Banks was in London. Both these men joined the Morrisites, as they were called, and I think helped Morris found his new sect.⁶⁸

My heart aches as I recall the names of these men whom we had so loved and esteemed, but who were now treading the downward path, and I feel like saying with David of old;—"How are the mighty fallen!"

These new religionists once held a meeting in my father's home here in Salt Lake. Your grandfather Morris, whose house was next to your grandfather Walker's concluded to stand outside and listen to what they had to say. This is the doctrine that one of its members had to advance. Speaking on the principle of plural marriage, he said,—"I will not believe it, no, not if an angel from heaven should teach it to me." As a number of the members of their sect were in this order of marriage, it made them appear very small and unprincipled to adopt a religion which caused them to break their covenants with their wives who were the mothers of their children.

68. Joseph Morris (1849–1862) joined the LDS church in 1849 and immigrated to Utah in 1853. On April 6, 1861, Morris started his own church with a following of members from South Weber, Utah. Richard Cook, the former bishop of the LDS ward in South Weber, and John Banks were his counselors. The Morrisites lived communally and believed in the imminent coming of Christ. The church, which was centered at Kington Fort in Weber, grew to as many as five or six hundred members. In 1862, when dissenters were imprisoned in Kington Fort, government officials went to the fort to investigate. The Morrisites refused to give themselves up, and a battle ensued in which several Morrisites, included Joseph Morris, were killed. *Comp. History*, 5:39–48; C. LeRoy Anderson, *Joseph Morris and the Saga of the Morrisites*.

These people took up their quarters in Weber County, Utah, and I think your grandfather was the only one who did not move up there.

Your father had asked me to question your grandfather at some time when he called, with regard to the doctrines of this new sect. It was your grandfather's custom to come to our house upon his return from meetings at the headquarters of these people, so I thought one day that I would talk to him upon the subject. I had put some milk down to heat near the coals on the hearth (we had no stove in those days) knowing him to be very fond of it. While the milk was heating I ventured to put the question your father had suggested. Instantly he became very angry, and replied.—“Do you think that I do not know the difference between a gas light and a rush light”?, and picking up his hat he left the house and the comfortable lunch I was preparing for him.

Another day, I had occasion to call upon him on a little matter of business which was to his interest, when he took a paper from his pocket and read it to me. The article purported to be a revelation received by Joseph Morris, and was to the effect that spirits who were destined to earth were ordained to a certain priesthood before taking upon themselves tabernacles of flesh. I listened attentively while he was reading and upon his looking up at me for an answer, I simply said, in a very calm tone of voice, that it might be true, or not, but it was of no importance to us.

Time went on apace, and he opened a little school in his own house and his teaching gave so much satisfaction to the parents that he was asked to take charge of the Ward school. However, before the matter was consummated someone remembered that he was an apostate and on this account not eligible for the position. When he was told this it so hurt his feelings that he concluded to leave the country. At this time the Civil War was in progress.

So he and his wife commenced to make preparations for their departure, which seemed a pity since they were quite comfortably situated. While Mrs. Walker was not much of a housekeeper, she was very clever at her trade, that of a straw braider. She did beautiful work for gentlemen's hats as well as for ladies hats and bonnets. For this it was necessary that she should keep her hands soft and smooth, but your grandfather, having been the eldest of a large family, had been taught the art of housekeeping. So, by united effort they could make each other very comfortable. Your Uncle Charles also made his home with them, adding his portion towards the support of the home. In this way they were independent, I think, although your grandfather must have been quite Seventy years old and Mrs. Walker seemed just about the same age.

Your Aunt Aggie and I went to see them before they left and when we departed he accompanied us part of the way home. It was a pleasant evening in the spring, I remember; all was peace and tranquility. As we

were walking along together, enjoying the peace and safety with which we were blessed, your grandfather began to talk of his grievances. Among other matters he spoke of the Ward School incident, and remarked;—"They who would take my bread would take my life!" I answered, "You belong to the general class of people, like myself, and nobody wants to kill me. Why go to the seat of war to find peace?" He replied; "I wanted to spew,—I have done so." We made no reply, and when he had walked as far as he cared to, he returned and we continued on our course homeward, contemplating the influence of one who is possessed of a faultfinding spirit. The manner in which he spoke to us was so different to what we had been accustomed to, for he was a man who dearly loved his children. And, I believe too, that he also regretted his attitude, for the next morning he called early and ate breakfast with me.

After they had been away some time, he wrote to your Aunt Aggie, expressing a good deal of bitterness towards certain persons. Again, he wrote a letter to your sister Effie and enclosing a note for one dollar, suggested that her mother would advise her what she should do with it.

Knowing that he had always loved her so much I thought he would be pleased to have a likeness of her. Accordingly a tin-type picture was taken and sent to him. In the return letter he expressed a dislike for the style of her hair, although it was quite simple. At that time it was the style for young girls to wear a circle comb and Effie's hair being very abundant we thought it becoming, as the hair rolled from the forehead made a background to her face that many would have appreciated. I suppose he preferred the Quaker style, parted in the middle and combed smoothly at each side.

Some time afterwards he sent me twenty dollars. He was quite frugal in his habits although generous where he saw a person in need. He also believed in having something on hand for a rainy day, and debt was a stranger to him.

Your grandfather and his wife were living in Illinois, but after a while Mrs. Walker died, and hearing that her father was in poor health and her children all being married except Wilford, your Aunt Aggie wrote to him to come and end his days with her, so he again turned his face towards the City of the Saints.

Your father went, I think, three different times to the depot before the delayed train brought him to us. As your Cousin Aggie was very ill at the time, it was agreed that your grandfather should remain with us until your Aunt Aggie was at liberty to take him to her home in Sugar House Ward, which was five miles out of town.

He was somewhat reduced in flesh, his beard long and silken and whitened with the frosts of Seventy-seven winters. He had lost that bitter feeling and love had returned to his heart. He spoke very kindly to little

George Q. who was then a baby. He also met your father with good fellowship and appreciated the kindness he had shown him.

In due time your Aunt Aggie took him and had the satisfaction of making him comfortable in her quiet peaceful home. When his cough grew worse she would arise during the night and prepare him something warm to comfort and strengthen him. His former loving spirit seemed to return and the family became much attached to him.

Your cousin, Elnathan Eldridge [Eldredge], particularly admired his intelligence, his gift of relating anecdotes and his original style of doing so; also his fund of general knowledge.

During the fine autumn days that followed, he would take long walks, and at such time he would often call upon your cousin Eva and have pleasant chats with her. The following Christmas she got up a party, in his honor, I think and invited us to be present. During the evening he asked me to sing, but little George Q. seemed so sensitive that he would begin to cry as soon as I started to sing, so I concluded to wait until he should go to sleep. I then sang my father's favorite song;—"Woodland Mary".⁶⁹

A little later he was asked to make a few remarks. One of the first things he said was,—“I would walk five miles to hear that child sing”. pointing to me. He spoke of card playing, which he had always shunned; also of the intoxicating cup, to which he had never been addicted; then he added—“But if, in the end, Elder Walker is not right?” Little did we think what was revolving in his mind.

Your Aunt Aggie's home was, as you will remember, situated in a clear grassy place, with large windows letting in plenty of light and sunshine. One day, while in conversation with your cousin Lona Eldridge [Malona Pratt Eldredge], he told her that he wanted to be where they would be in the future, and added that ever since he had been at your Aunt Aggie's he had been looking for a place where he could be baptized. He then told her that the 11th day of the coming month of March would be his birthday into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, and he added,—“I will be baptized that day, if I die!”

Having formed the above resolution, he one day, when your Aunt Aggie had come up town, sent for Elder Abraham O. [Owen] Smoot, and made the following statement, in substance;—"I have been away ten years, have come back, and want to be baptized."

I will here remark that although your grandfather was very devotional, there was nothing sanctimonious about him, and being somewhat proud there would be no palaver about his statement although he was quite penitent at heart. I suppose he mentioned the 11th of March

69. The author was unable to locate any information about the song "Woodland Mary."

as the date as that was the anniversary of his birth into the Church, so it was agreed that your cousin Moroni Walker Pratt should perform the ordinance of baptism upon that day at the Warm Springs bath-house and Bishop Abraham O. Smoot promised to come over and confirm him.⁷⁰ Your Aunt Aggie was to go with him to assist him, since she had been his attendant and nurse during the preceding four or five months.

So they set out on the day appointed, March 11th, 1875, although the day was cold and the ground covered with snow. Arrived at the baths, Sister Arnold, who was stationed at the bath-house, did all in her power for his welfare. But the five mile journey to the Warm Springs, added to the fatigue and possible excitement of the ordinance of baptism, seemed too much for him, and while riding in the buggy upon the return journey he became so weak that he was unable to sit up, so Moroni held him up while Aunt Aggie drove the team.

Upon reaching home he was put to bed as quickly as possible with hot water bottled placed to his feet. He continued to complain of coldness in the extremities, and becoming alarmed at his condition your Aunt Aggie sent for Bro. Preston Free, a neighbor, to come and administer to him, but it was found that your grandfather had departed this life.⁷¹

Bishop Smoot, who had promised to come and confirm him had been called to guard President Brigham Young, who was a prisoner in his own house, and had, on that account, been prevented from keeping his promise.⁷²

That day, I and my family, at your father's request, had moved from the cottage he had built for us, to a much larger house recently vacated by

70. The warm springs were in north Salt Lake City and had temperatures of between 95 and 104 degrees. The Warm Springs baths were located on Second West Street, between Eighth and Ninth North. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 389-90.

71. William Gibson Walker (1797-1875), the father of Mary Lois Walker, met Mary Ann Morton in England, and the couple married upon his return to Salt Lake City in 1858. Shortly afterward, Walker joined the Morrisites but soon broke with them and moved to Illinois. After Mary Ann Morton's death in Illinois, Walker returned to Utah. He was rebaptized as a Mormon on March 11, 1875, but died that night before he could be confirmed. CWD, 923.

72. In 1873, Ann Eliza Webb Young, Brigham Young's youngest plural wife (said to be his twenty-seventh), sued for divorce, "charging neglect, cruel treatment, and desertion." Ann Eliza wanted alimony, which Brigham Young refused, saying that her previous divorce from James Dee had not been legal. Judge James McKean ordered Young to pay \$3,000 in court fees and \$500 a month to Ann Eliza. The judge said that their marriage was legal since Utah had no marriage laws. Young refused to pay the fee, waiting for an appeal to a higher court. On March 11, 1875, Judge McKean found Young guilty of contempt of court, fined him twenty-five dollars, and sentenced him to the penitentiary for one day. Young spent that night in the territorial prison, but five days later, President Ulysses S. Grant removed McKean from office, in part because

your Auntie. As most of our belongings had been taken over to the house we were soon to occupy, I slept on a couch that night. Now I knew nothing of what was going on at Sugar House Ward, and was not frightened or uneasy, but somehow I could not sleep. Early in the morning, even before I was up, your cousin Moroni came and told us what had occurred and that he had come, at his mother's request, to consult with your father as to the best mode of procedure in reference to the funeral.

After a few moments reflection your father concluded that it would be best to hold the funeral that day, and from your Aunt Aggie's house where the remains lay. So a little later your father, Effie and I were on our way to Sugar House Ward. When we arrived your Aunt Aggie had all in order, your grandfather's clothes beautifully made and a lovely lunch ready for us after our long cold drive.

Aunt Aggie said that your grandfather had looked miserable after his death, but when dressed in his temple clothes his countenance changed. His brow was smooth, his teeth perfect (for all that I ever knew), his eyebrows dark and wellmarked, and his venerable beard long, silky and of a snowy whiteness. One might imagine him to be in a sweet peaceful sleep. I could lean on his casket and take solid comfort in looking at him;—whereas, had he not returned to the fold of Christ I do not think he could have rested in his grave.

Your father was asked to take charge of the funeral. Your Aunt Aggie's house being situated near that of President John R. Winder, she and Sister Winder were very intimate, and knowing that your grandfather was not in the best of health Sister Winder came over through the deep snow to inquire after him and just in time for the funeral. Your Aunt Aggie led the singing, I taking the alto part. The first hymn was "Unveil Thy Bosom, Faithful Tomb" (L.D.S. Hymn Book Page 220). Your father, who was the principle speaker, in his remarks said,—“There is no spirit of death here”. and such was the case. The spirit of peace and tranquility pervaded the house and the funeral. The same spirit remained with us as we followed the dear remains to the City Cemetery. Some years later your Aunt Aggie and I had what work was needed done for him by a very excellent man Bro. Wm. H. Miles, a brush maker who had emigrated from New York. And so we leave him in the hands of an All Wise Father, who, as the Psalmist says, “Knoweth our frame, and remembereth that we are but dust.”⁷³

of this incident. James B. Allen and Glen M. Leonard, *The Story of the Latter-day Saints*, 361; Alexander and Allen, *Mormons and Gentiles*, 97–98. For Ann Eliza Young's own account, see Ann Eliza Young, *Wife No. 19; or, The Story of a Life in Bondage, Being a Complete Exposé of Mormonism, and Revealing the Sorrows, Sacrifices and Sufferings of Women in Polygamy*.

73. Psalm 103:14: “For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.”

When we arrived at our home after the funeral, we found that Addie, then fourteen years old, had, besides tending the baby, laid the dining room carpet and put up the stove in the house into which we were just then moving. This substantiated her grandfather's opinion of her. She was a fine little mother, and when the railroad was built in front of the house would run out to see if the little boys were all right. I believe she would have risked her life to save theirs. She was very fond of dressing her little brothers and taking them out, but evidently thought that boys did not offer sufficient scope for her talent and would remark ruefully, "Say, I wish I could make him into a girl!"

In the Fall of 1876 Nephi was five years old. One day he had two tasks to perform. One was to wash a tubful of small potatoes and the other to pile some wood into the woodshed. By night the potatoes were all washed and the wood piled higher than his head, which we thought a good day's work for a little boy of his age. His birthday came on the 2nd of October and I spent about three hours selecting a suitable book for him. At last one which would suit our purse and yet was fine enough to present to the little boy we loved so well was found, and Effie and I sat up till almost mid-night devouring its contents. It was about eight inches square and upon the cover was a sunny faced little girl in a blue dress and a red hat with a white plume upon it. It was called "Little Snow-Flake's Album". On one page was a picture of two little girls praying, and these words followed;—"And as ye would that men should do unto you, do ye so unto them in like circumstances." Upon another page was represented a little girl descending a handsome staircase and holding to the banister. Then followed these verses.—

"This is our baby, our darling
Coming alone down the stair,
Just washed and dressed for the morning,
Looking so sweet and so fair.

Papa will watch from the landing,
Mamma will watch down the stairs.
Soon we will all have our breakfast,
But now, fold your hands and say prayers.

Another little verse was;—

Dear little children, don't waste the day,
Always remember that work sweetend play.

Upon the fly-leaf I wrote the following lines;—

“Accept this book, my little boy,
It’s lessons treasure well.
‘Twill be to you a source of joy
When you can read and spell.

Take it, keep it, while you live,
That when I’m dead and gone
‘Twill tell you of the love I bore
My darling little son.”

A little before Christmas father gave Effie and Addie some money to buy some new winter dresses. Effie chose a pretty shade of green and Addie’s was red. I worked hard to make the dresses by Christmas day, as the two girls were invited to a party in the evening, and also were beginning to receive attentions from their young man friends.

Besides the dresses your father had given Effie and Addie each a pin cushion with a pocket mirror upon one side, and a tablet on the other. Master Nephi, then about five years old, evidently considered them cute also, and took Effie’s to school with him, afterwards trading it with one of his little school mates for something else he wanted. When I was made aware of the fact I told him he would have to get it back and return it to it’s owner and also ask forgiveness of his sister. Then taking him alone I told him what an awful thing it was to steal and that he must also ask forgiveness of our Heavenly Father and return fourfold to the owner the amount of the article he had taken. After dark that evening I took him out where there were some tall trees and with the stars looking down at us I talked to him again, and he was impressed, for the first nickel he received, he brought to Effie and continued to do so, until he had paid four times the value of the small article.

Our parlor was a very pleasant room, and with a bright fire in the grate reflecting upon the handsome rug before it made the room appear still more cozy, and when during the afternoon, the girls received their callers, a good feeling prevailed. One of Effie’s presents, I remember, which she received during the evening party, was a large orange; a rare treat in those days..

About this time Effie and Addie attended a singing class, conducted by a worthy young man of the ward, named Douglas Swan. This class gave them much enjoyment and on one occasion the members surprised him, taking picnic, and spent a very pleasant evening. Addie’s cake, on this occasion, was the first she had ever made and was quite a success, being

beautifully baked in a rather flaring tin, scalloped at the edge and much used thirty years ago.

Another surprise was one which Effie took upon her esteemed friend, Miss Jane Barlow. In opening a new can of yeast powder she had found a recipe for making a cream cake. It was the first we had heard of but she tried it, and was delighted with her experiment, as it stood on the table with the stiffened cream showing between the well baked layers. The happy company of pure young people gathered together at our house first, where the picnic was placed in a large clothes basket. This, with much merriment, they carried with them, Elder Thomas [Francis] Howells taking one of the handles I remember, while Effie, busy and happy, although not without care and anxiety to the success of her project, followed in the rear.

During the winter of 1875–76 your sister Effie worked at a tailor's shop. It was conducted by a member of the ward and was a ward enterprise, the employes being also members of the ward. Your father thought it would be a nice place for Effie to learn something of that trade, but we did not know that she would be required to work a No. 2. sewing machine, which was entirely too heavy for her, and indeed positively injurious to her health.

She was also such an active member of the ward that almost every evening she was engaged,—Tuesday at mutual, Wednesday choir practice; and Thursday, Sunday School Choir-practice. On Sunday also she took no rest, being anxious to attend Sunday School and evening meeting.

She soon became thin and nervous and I remember your father's partner and esteemed friend Bro. Sam'l L. Evans saying to her,—“Effie, whatever you do, try to rest at night”. But the poor child was too fatigued too sleep and soon her health became so seriously impaired that she has felt the effects throughout her whole life.

The Explosion of the Powder Magazine

On the 5th of April, 1876, two boys, one a son of Bro. Archibald Hill and the other a son of Dr. Robinson, were amusing themselves on Arsenal Hill with a gun. One of them shot at the great powder magazine which was located there. In an instant it exploded, shaking the earth for miles around like an earthquake and blowing the boys to atoms.

That day, having a quantity of good soft rain water, I had washed my linsey sheets previous to putting them away for the winter, and was hanging them out on the south side of the house when the explosion occurred. I thought it was the report of a gun and was indignant that any one should fire so near the house. Then came another report followed almost immediately by a third, when the chimney of the house occupied by my neighbor, Mrs. Van, fell down. At the same time Addie was standing upon the step between the kitchen and pantry, holding little Georgie by

the hand. She felt the shocks, heard the glass in the windows smash and the hams, etc. suspended from the ceiling of the storeroom above, come crashing to the floor. Calling for little Nephi, she exclaimed; "The world is at an end—we shall all go together!", and many older persons were of the same opinion.

Your father was in his buggy in the vicinity of Arsenal Hill returning homeward from a trip, and his horse, instead of taking fright, to his great astonishment, stood perfectly still while huge pieces of rock came whizzing past them, but they were unharmed. A woman, not far distant, however, was killed in a most shocking manner.

Birth of Catherine Vaughan

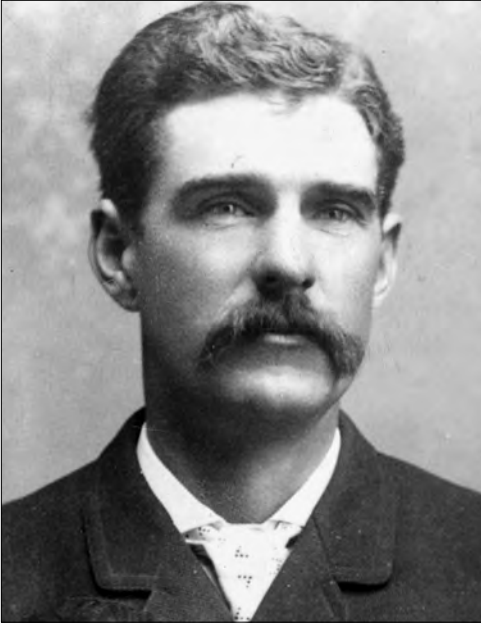
On the 10th of April, five days later, my little Kate was born, and I concluded that my love of cleanliness saved me from injury and my little daughter from premature birth, as the shock received while standing upon the ground outside was not nearly as severe as if I had been inside the house.

Fifteen years had elapsed since a little daughter had been born to me. When Addie was told by the midwife that her mother had a little baby, she closed her eyes tightly, and remarked, "If it is a boy, I won't look at it!"

Our baby had dark hair and eyebrows and a rosy face, and was as welcome as the flowers in May. When she was nine days old someone declared she laughed. Your father went over to Auntie's and told the folks that baby had long curls the next morning after she was born. As I had thwarted him in naming our daughter Addie I determined to let him have his way about naming this one. He had almost idolized his maternal grandmother, and wished to have the baby named after her. At the fast meeting when he took the baby in his arms to bless her, he asked me, very politely, if I had a preference, and upon receiving my assurance that I had none, he named her, after his wish, Catherine Vaughan.

When baby was about three weeks old, Nephi, George and she contracted measles. The two others had it in a mild form, but little George had a more severe attack. Effie continued to work at the tailors shop so Addie and I had to do the housework and attend to the sick children.

One night George was very sick, my nurse had left me and I was feeling far from strong. Your father, too, was out of town. About four o'clock in the morning we were much alarmed and prayed earnestly to our Heavenly Father for help and He again listened to our supplications and made him better. It was a long time, however, before he recovered his health and his sweet disposition, which was one of his chief characteristics. Addie will remember his periodical crying spells, and he would not stay in bed after he had been put to rest for the night, but we loved him just the same.



Courtesy of the Ashton Family Organization

*Edward Treharne Ashton
(1855–1923), the son of
Edward Ashton and Jane
Treharne, married Effie
Walker Morris
on April 4, 1878.*

Miss Baby continued to thrive and would lie on the pillow and laugh and kick for hours together, making us all very happy.

The following Autumn your father took a contract to build the Great Ontario Silver Mine [in Park City]. He took a number of workmen with him, among them being Edward T. Ashton and his Uncle William Treharne. He also took his daughters Winnie and Effie to cook for the men, and a man to butcher the beeves and help the girls do the heaviest part of the work.

As Ed and Effie were now keeping company, and both going away so far from home, I requested Effie to have no more association with him than with any other of the men during their stay at the Park, and was gratified to learn that his parents, with the same careful forethought concerning his welfare, had made a similar request of him, or at least instructed his uncle to see that he was in bed by nine o'clock.

Effie was as careful to carry out my wishes as I had been to give them and when Ed, good natured boy that he was, would go into the kitchen and offer to help the girls with the dishes, Effie would leave them to him and Winnie while she went to another table to mix bread. Winnie, from her youthful point of view, thought this restraint between Ed and Effie was time wasted, but we did not think so.

The night that Effie left to go to the Park, Addie and I felt so lonely that we actually brought our beds down into the dining room for the first

night or two and we watched eagerly for the mail to bring us letters from our loved one. The little boys, too, were anxious for her return and would send loving messages to her.

Father came home to attend the October Conference and Winnie came in a day or two later, but Effie stayed till the job was finished. During this time Effie was the only lady in the camp, but there was not a man who would have harmed their little "Red Bird" as they called her (because she wore a red waist), so she locked herself in her little bed room at night and enjoyed the sweet sleep that hard work and innocence can give.

A little before Christmas she returned home and was joyfully welcomed by us all.

Christmas day she cooked the dinner assisted by Ed Ashton, who seemed very happy to cut wood for her and render any help he could, in spite of the fact that he was not to enjoy the repast, his own parents being desirous of having his dear presence at their family board. Some time previous to going to the Park, Ed had asked permission to call upon Effie, but at this particular period there was no positive engagement between them so far as we knew. So he went home to dinner and returned in the evening to take her to a party. During the evening Ed returned home, and came into the parlor, where Bro. Morris and I were seated, and formally asked for the hand of our dear daughter in marriage. Her father gave his free consent, having known him intimately for a number of years, and I told him that there was no one whom I preferred. The time for the marriage was set for the coming spring.

A pleasant incident occurred on the following New Years Day. Your father had sent a message asking Ed Ashton to comeover to our house. When he entered the Parlor, after wishing us compliments of the season, he remarked;—"Bro. Morris, I brought no tools with me, as I did not know what kind of work you wanted me to do." Your father then presented him with a beautiful silver cased watch engraved upon the inside plate, stating that it was presented to him by Elias Morris and Samuel L. Evans as a token of their esteem. Father said that during the four years of his apprenticeship he had not spoken in an unbecoming manner or been guilty of an unbecoming act, or broken a rule of the agreement entered into.

Effie's earnings stood her in good stead as she turned her attention to the coming event. Besides the trousseau there were household furnishings, quilts, rug, carpet and mat. When the Log Cabin pieces for the quilt were completed they were set together and a quilting party arranged for. Those invited were dear Aunt Aggie, Cousin Belinda [Marden] Pratt Musser, and Cousin Lucy Pratt Russell. The quilting was done in our cozy parlor and pleasant jokes passed around the quilt as the needles sewed upon the pretty blocks. This, with the rug and door mat were all made

from pieces of cast off wearing apparel so that they represented part of her maidenhood's history.

She had already, with neatness and care made some pretty suits of underwear and a short time previous a nice dark blue cashmere dress. Sister [Elizabeth] Bird, an expert dressmaker was engaged to do the cutting and fitting, but the rest was Effie's own handiwork. It was made with a polonaise, and she also made a winter wrap to wear with it, and bought a black felt hat of becoming style.

A pale blue cashmere was selected for the wedding dress which was given into Sister Bird's hands to make, but a dainty white dress to wear in the Endowment House, Effie made herself.

The date for the wedding was the 4th of April, 1878. By this time all was in readiness but the date had been kept a profound secret from all but Aunt Aggie, until the day previous, because of the bashfulness of the young couple. They did not wish for an elaborate wedding, so in the afternoon of the eventful day we went quietly to the Endowment House, there being no Temple nearer than St. George. In order not to attract attention Effie and Aunt Aggie went along Second South Street and Winnie accompanied me on Third South Street. Winnie represented the other family, in order to show them proper respect. Then Bro. Ashton took his invalid mother [Jane Treharne Ashton] in a buggy and father came over from his office with his coat thrown over his shoulder, for the day was warm.

Apostle Joseph F. Smith, (now President) performed the ceremony which made them husband and wife, and Aunt Aggie said she saw the ruffles on Effie's dress tremble as she knelt at the altar to be married.

In the meantime Addie, little brick that she was, had prepared a nice hot supper. Before we sat down, Aunt Aggie took her beloved niece upstairs and soon returned with her arrayed in her perfectly fitting pale blue princess dress and presented her to us as Mrs. Ashton.

Sister Ashton being an invalid we appreciated her company very much. About ten o'clock the party broke up, the bridal couple going to their pretty new home built by the groom's own hands, which was situated on the south-east corner of First South and Sixth West.

The Ashton family had expressed their love by many substantial presents, and Sister Ashton sent a quantity of provisions, so that they would be supplied for some time.

The day following their marriage Effie made a cake and some lemonade, in order to entertain the friends who would be sure to call when they heard the news. The lemonade of course, took the place of wine, which is so often served upon such occasions, but they would have no intoxicants, and those who desired such would be placed at small value.

The following Sunday, the boys and girls came down in a troop with shouts of joy, bringing many tokens of their affection and esteem.

You will remember a picture of your brother Nephi, when he was a little fellow, dressed in a velvet kilt and cutaway coat with a horn attached to his belt. When Georgie was three years old I made him a pair of knickerbockers of this kilt of Nephi's, which worn with the little jacket made a nice suit of which he was very proud.

We began to teach him to recite verses from a linen picture book Bro. Evans had given him. It contained Scripture incidents. The one we taught Georgie was as follows:—

“Behold the Dreamer comes,
Seize him, hold him fast,
And in the lonely darksome pit
Was gentle Joseph cast.”

(he pronouncing Joseph—“Jovus”)

A few weeks later he recited the following verses at the Sunday School. They were taken from “Little Snow-Flake's Album” which Nephi had received for his fifth birthday.

“A little bird built a warm nest in a tree,
And laid some blue eggs in it, one, two and three
And then very glad and delighted was she.

She spread her soft wings on them all the day long
To warm them and guard them, her love was so strong,
And her mate sat beside her and sang her a song.

Then after a while, how long I can't tell,
The little ones crept one by one, from the shell
And the mother was pleased, for she loved them all well.

One day the young birds were crying for food,
So off flew the mother, away from her brood
Then came up some boys, who were wicked and rude.

They tore the soft nest down, away from the tree,
The little ones tried but could not get free
So at last they all died away, one, two and three.

When back to her nest the mother did fly
Oh, then she set up a most pitiful cry,
Then she moaned a long time, and laid down to die.”

Birth of My First Grandchild, Edward Morris Ashton

In the early part of 1879 my daughter Addie was called as councillor in the Primary Association of the Fifteenth Ward. On the 12th of the same month, (January) my first grandchild was born, in the person of Edward Morris Ashton. His Aunt Sarah Roberts called him Edward the Third, because his father and grandfather bore the same name.

The Sunday Afternoon that he was blessed there were two of your father's grandsons present to receive a name. One was little Willie [William] Swan, who was blessed by your father, who, in the course of his remarks said that he expected to see his children's children. Eddie was blessed by Bro. Ashton. Both grandfathers were called upon to speak. This was Bro. Ashton's first grandchild and in speaking he made this very humble remark;—"I hope that I shall never do anything to disgrace him." Bro. Thos. C. Griggs selected an appropriate hymn for the occasion commencing, "This Child We Dedicate to Thee". (Bless his memory) Page 223 L.D.S. Hymn Book.⁷⁴

Another Son is Born and Dies

On the 20th of July, 1882 another son was born to me [Richard Vaughan Morris]. He was a remarkably large child, weighing fifteen or sixteen pounds, the midwife said, but was lost for want of proper help. Your father was at home with me and would have gone anywhere or given anything to get help but it was not obtainable at the moment. The loss of this little baby was a great disappointment to me and also to Addie, and even little Katie, although only five years old, felt it keenly and would go to the drawer where the tiny articles of clothing had been placed and weep bitterly. I was forty-seven years old at the time and my husband fifty-seven.

Lines In Memory Of Richard Vaughan, Son Of Elias
And Mary L. Morris. Born July 20, 1882.
Died July 20, 1882

Little floweret, you have left us
In this shady sorrowing sphere
Death's cold hand has thus bereft us
Thickly falls the bitter tear.

Who was it hovered near our bed

74. The hymn "This Child We Dedicate to Thee" is on page 223 of several of the Salt Lake and Liverpool editions of *Sacred Hymns and Spiritual Songs for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*. See the 16th ed. (1877); 19th ed. (1889); and 22nd ed. (1897). The words of the hymn are by Christoph F. Neander (1793) and were translated from German to English by Samuel Gilman (1823).

When in the throes of Motherhood?
Who was it came with noiseless tread
And bore our Baby heavenward?

Perchance some dear departed one
Commissioned from the realms of Joy
To take our little new-born son
Where pleasure reigns, without alloy.

On August 16th, 1878 Auntie too lost a dear little daughter two years old. The following lines were composed by me upon that occasion.

A Tribute To The Memory Of Little Jessie Pearl [Morris].
Daughter Of Elias And Mary P. Morris
Born August 22, 1876—Died August 16, 1878

Oh, sweet little Jessie, the pride of our heart,
How little we thought that with thee we must part;
How bitter the sting; how piercing the smart!

Thy beautiful eyes! How they follow us now.
How bright were the curls that decked thy fair brow.
We fancy we're smoothing thy silken locks now.

Pearly thy teeth, and sweeter thy kiss,
The sound of thy dear little feet, how we miss;
To have but one look at thy face would be bliss.

Oh, sweet little Pearlie, who brightened our path,
How fain would we take thee from cold mother earth.
To cheer us, and bless us, and gladden our hearth.

We think thou art coming, but no, it is vain,
We never shall clasp thy fair image again
In this world of sorrow, and darkness and pain.

We know thou art gone to the dear ones above,
Their arms shall embrace thee, their hearts beat with love
We know they will take special care of our dove.

When my little Kate was five years old I taught her to sew and composed the following little poem, which she learned to recite.

Come, little Kate, upon my knee
 And bring your work and thimble,
And make nice stitches, one, two, three
 You soon will be quite nimble.

Your alphabet you've conquered now
 And soon you'll learn to spell
And pretty lessons then you'll learn
 And pretty stories tell.

And then you soon will learn to knit
 And many useful things;—
For surely half our happiness
 From love of labor springs.

When she was about three years old, we made her a winter suit of very soft and rather bright blue flannel, with hood to match. It was a pretty sight to see her in it, with her bright blue eyes, rosy cheeks, fair complexion and brown hair, her new dolly in her hand, as Effie took her over to her little home.

Before Effie was married Addie was beginning to receive attention from a young gentleman friend, and was often invited to nice parties, but the young lady seemed to be very hard to please and this young suitor was followed by several others.

After the death of the little baby to whose advent we had all looked forward with so much joyous anticipation, she seemed sad and gloomy, and as a young lady who had been staying with us was about to return to her home in St. George she wanted Addie to return with her so that she might visit her Uncle Charles Walker and his family. We hurried and did a little sewing for her and in due time she departed. The day she left I cleared away the remains of our dressmaking and tried to do some ironing, but finding some of her clothes I began to weep and felt almost as if I had lost her, and when I went into the quiet orderly parlor I so missed her dear presence that it seemed for a while as if she had gone from me forever.

While she was away I cleaned the house throughout as I always did in the Fall, and also that it might look pleasant to her, as well as doing the usual housework.

On the 24th of December she returned. When the train which bore her passed the house it was about 7 a.m. and I was upon my knees scrubbing the porch. A few minutes later she arrived from the depot, bringing with her her Cousin Zaidee [Walker], which I had not seen since she was a little toddler. Now she was seventeen years old and reminded me very much of her father, my brother Charles. She possessed a good deal of her

Grandfather Walker's wit, humor and satire. She was of medium height, fair complexion dark brown hair and eyes and small hands and feet. I felt rich now with my daughter and niece also. As it was the day before Christmas and I was very much absorbed in home affairs, I concluded that, for an outing Addie and Zaidee could do the Christmas shopping. Father gave them each a new dress for Christmas.

As Christmas Day this year fell upon a Sunday, our esteemed friend and Sunday School Superintendent, Bro. T. C. Griggs, suggested that we keep the celebration on Monday as to presents. So on Sunday evening, after the children had gone to bed, Addie and Zaidee arranged the presents upon the side table. While they were doing so, Addie made this remark; "I bet I'll be married in two years from now, if I want to."

One of Nephi's presents was a Chatterbox, which his cousin took great pleasure in reading to him during her visit.⁷⁵ I remember a favorite story was about a man named Paul Parker who killed a mad dog and thus saved several lives. Many of the stories were of English life and very interesting. There was also a little joke about England to the effect that their American cousins think that England is so small in comparison to their own vast continent that English people are afraid to go to bed at night for fear they will find themselves in the sea in the morning.

Again, under a picture of a donkey were some verses referring to his very hard life. I think there were some carrots dangling in front of him to make him go by coaxing him along. Two of the lines were as follows;

In all the three kingdoms you scarcely could see
Such a little, old, rough looking donkey as he.

Your cousin Zaidee was extremely fond of reading, and like her grandfather, was a good conversationalist and would have us laughing till we shook. We became very much attached to her during the nine months she remained with us. The day she returned home we prepared a chicken dinner. Auntie Barbara happened to call in and asked me to accompany her to town, remarking that I should be back in time to see Zaidee off. This was however, unfortunately, not the case and as the dear child stood at the depot and realized that the last ray of hope of seeing her Aunt Mary before she left was passed, she sobbed with grief. And that aching spot is in my heart yet to think that my beloved niece so longed to bid me a loving good-bye.

On January 1st, 1884, Mr. George M. [Mousley] Cannon and his friend Dr. Leslie W. Snow called and left their cards. We had noticed that Mr. Cannon was showing our daughter Addie some attention and your

75. *The Chatterbox* (London: Wells Gardner, Darton & Co.) was a weekly English magazine that contained children's stories. It was published beginning in 1866.



Courtesy of Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley

*George M. Cannon,
the husband of Mary
Lois's daughters Marian
Adelaide Morris and
Katherine Vaughan
Morris.*

father had expressed his satisfaction, he being an intimate friend of Bro. Angus M. [Munn] Cannon and knowing the son to be intelligent, a good business man and a consistent Latter Day Saint.

In the early part of the year Bro. Angus M. Cannon and his family dined with us and a little later we went to dinner at their home, where we spent a very pleasant evening. Apostle Erastus Snow, who was on the eve of taking his departure on a mission to a distant part of the country, (probably Mexico) was one of the guests.

Later in the evening Addie accompanied Mr. Cannon to a Leap Year Ball, a function which was not at all to Addie's taste. Some time afterwards, I remember, she was called to act as floor manager at a Leap Year Ball in our Ward, a position which was repugnant to her natural feelings, but she performed her task well, however.⁷⁶

As we were returning from the dinner party your father told me that Bro. Geo. M. had asked if he might pay his addresses to Addie, and

76. In nineteenth century Utah, holidays often ended with grand balls lasting until early in the morning. Dancing consisted mostly of square dances, such as the Virginia Reel, which allowed little intimacy. Brigham Young allowed one or two round dances, such as the waltz, at each dance, especially as the century wore on. EM, 1380; Hicks, *Mormonism and Music*, 78–86.

he had replied that there was nothing in the way. I objected to this last statement, as she was corresponding in a friendly way with a young man who resided in a distant part of the state, and had several other admirers. It was, I think, the following morning, about 10 a.m. that Mr. Cannon called to ask my permission also. I expressed my esteem for him personally but explained that the choice must rest with the young lady herself as to whether he should be the favored suitor.

When father would bring Addie a letter from this other gentleman he would look rather archly over his spectacles at her and ask; "How many beaus are you going to have?"

It was on Sunday night, the last day of the Spring Conference that Mr. Cannon had the promise that Addie would be his wife.

The following month, her friend, with whom she had been corresponding, came to Salt Lake on his way to Logan to attend the dedicatory services of the Temple there.⁷⁷ He had heard of her engagement, and called several times in a friendly way, but previous to his departure, came with the intention of talking the matter over with her. Some time later I saw him about to leave the house, and in a kind manner asked him to stay to dinner, but he replied, "I am extremely obliged to you, but not now." My sympathies are very strong, and I felt so sorry for him that I wept most of the afternoon. It seemed so cruel for a young man of his worth to come hundreds of miles to offer his hearts best affection and find that it was not returned. Addie did admire him and appreciated his fine qualities, but if she had a choice, it was her privilege to manifest it. Both these gentlemen are friends today, and even at the time there was no bitterness in his heart towards his rival, for he remarked, while wishing her good-bye, "Well, Addie, if you decide in favor of Bro. Cannon, he will have one of the best wives in the world." I may say that this young man later obtained a wife of many gifts and graces and as good as thw world makes.

Upon one occasion I remarked to Br. George M. that after he had travelled out in the world, as most of our Elders do, he might see some fair maiden whom he would have preferred to my daughter. His reply was very fine I thought. He said, "Sister Morris, if the Gospel does not make girls more attractive than those of the world, then I haveno more to say."

He would like to have married Addie in June but she would not agree to such an early date, nor yet in September, nor at Thanksgiving, but finally consented to let the event transpire on Christmas Day. So we did our best to have matters in readiness. She made many fancy articles

77. Addie's "friend" was Mr. Bently, a young man from St. George, Utah, who also wished to marry her. Logan is located at the mouth of Logan Canyon in northern Utah. The Logan Temple, the second functioning temple in Utah, was dedicated on May 17, 1884, by President John Taylor. N. B. Lundwall, comp. *Temples of the Most High*, 102-3; Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 232.

to ornament her new home and sewed carpet rags, which I dyed in brilliant colors. I made three quilts, one a dainty greyish blue shade of soft flannel with a red star set in every other block and quilted to match the pattern. It was a beautiful quilt for a brides outfit. A second was of bottle green cashmere arranged in what was called a goose-chase pattern, in suitable colors. A third had diamonds of orange and blue shaded material arranged upon a soft flannel background. Besides these I had earned enough money to buy a guitar, which I thought to give as a wedding present, but upon second thoughts bought a handsome Chamber set instead.

Addie's Wedding

Three days before Christmas I hired Miss Annie Waterfal [Waterfall] to do my kitchen work while I cleaned house, painted, and varnished and cooked. On the 23rd and 24th I dressed fat chickens and a turkey. I had engaged Miss Amelia Howells to make the cakes and pies and they were well done. I had also made a fruit cake. Father brought another turkey weighing seventeen pounds, on Christmas eve.

It was three o'clock of the morning of the 25th before I went to bed and two hours later I arose. At seven Bro Ball came to ice the wedding cake, which was in three tiers and was made by Sister Ann [Whitehead] Duncanson. We prepared for sixty guests and had food enough for twice that number. Aunt Nancy came and cooked the vegetables.

The young couple had desired to go to the St. George Temple to be married as they had received their endowments there, and also it was the birthplace of George M. but on account of the approach of severe weather it was deemed wiser to go to the Endowment House in Salt Lake City. They were accompanied thither by the parents of both,—Bro. Angus M. Cannon and his wife Sarah Maria [Mousley Cannon], your father, and myself. President Cannon performed the ceremony of marriage and kissed his son and new daughter at the close. We reached home early in the afternoon and soon afterwards the groom presented his bride with a set of jewels, a breast pin and ear-rings. The design was a beautiful little bird with a diamond in its mouth. This was a magnificent present and a token of love in more ways than one, for I think the birds were doves.

Among our guests were Pres. Angus M. Cannon, his wife Mrs. Sarah Maria Cannon, and Aunts Amanda [Ann Amanda Mousley Cannon], Clara [Clarissa Cordelia Moses Cannon], and Dr. Mattie Hughes Cannon [Martha Hughes Cannon], with all of the grooms brothers and sister together with Mina's [Wilhelmina Mousley Cannon] husband Abram H. [Abraham Hoagland] Cannon and their children. Also two little girls whom Aunt Clara Mason Cannon was rearing. Bro. Abram H. Cannon was a cousin of the bride-groom but also a brother-in-law, but we felt unable to invite all the cousins, except Cousin Billy [William C.] Morris and his

wife Diantha [Empey Morris], whom father insisted must come as he was the eldest and more like a brother, although Addie was afraid of giving offense by this discrimination.

I was obliged to leave the bride to entertain her company while I superintended affairs in the kitchen. The huge turkey was in the oven by two o'clock, allowing it four hours to cook and claimed more or less attention all that time. We had fires in the dining-room, parlor and down-stairs bed-room where the presents were displayed. Also in the cook-shed where the fat chickens were gently stewing, and in the kitchen, where the lesser and greater turkeys sent forth their savory odor while the vegetables cooked to taste. I believe our six o'clock dinner was cooked without accident and our guests were pleased to pass a favorable judgment upon it.

During the evening Dr. Mattie recited "Mary, Queen of Scots" in a very pleasing manner. Addie was induced to sing, but broke down in tears. It was a song of home. That very evening, two years previously Addie had remarked to her cousin Zaidee,—“I guess I'll be married in two years from now, if I want to.” and so her own prophecy had come to pass, to the very hour even. When ten o'clock arrived the guests took their departure.

When the last of the guests had gone the groom waited to take his bride to their pretty new home, but little Katie, then about nine years old, began to raise objections to this plan. With her arms about her beloved sister, who was about to leave the parental roof, she piteously begged her not to go, crying, “You said you would not leave me tonight!” The groom walked the floor in silent distress, while Miss Waterfall, who had been assisting in serving the dinner, joined her tears with Katie's. The gentleman, however, did not seem much affected by our sentiment and quietly waited, while his brother in a buggy outside, where it was raining, did the same. Finally Addie was able to tear herself away from her little sister and stepped into the buggy with her husband, to make bright and happy their future home.

I am afraid Mr. Cannon did not love his bride's little sister very much in those days, for Katie had been rather spoiled and had the idea that where her sister was, there she might be also. I know she had often intruded herself upon their company, when he, at least, could have dispensed with her, although it was at Addie's invitation, not because I wished it.

On the 11th of October, 1884, another strange feeling came over me and I felt as if I were going to a higher sphere I began to weep and did not know why. It was Saturday night, the evening meal was over and your father had finished his stay with us for that week. But before his departure I asked him if he required any more of me, in my course of life, than I had already done. Putting his hand affectionately upon my head

he replied,—“No, lass.” After he had gone I wept still more, and thought, “Well, if I am to depart this life, I am perhaps, as well prepared now as I shall ever be. My house is clean and so is my person,” and I felt at peace with all the world. And so I retired to rest.

Appointed President of Ward Primary Association

The next evening, as I was seated in the meetinghouse, Brother Binder came down from the stand and told me that the Bishopric wished to see me. I remained seated after the meeting had closed and Bishop Pollard, with his counselors, William L. Binder and Nathaniel V. [Vary] Jones, came and told me that they wished me to preside over the Primary Association of the Ward. I remarked upon my lack of qualification for such a position but they replied.—“You are qualified, if you will only take hold of it.”

The following Thursday, I think, October 16th, 1884 a little meeting was held in our fine new meeting house when the organization of the association should be effected. Besides the Bishopric there were present the officers of the Relief Society; Mrs. Ellen [C. Spencer] Clawson; Stake President of the Primary Association with her councillors Mrs. Camilla C. Cobb and Mrs. Lydia Ann Wells. In those days, before the Primary Association had a General Presiding Board, the Relief Society had jurisdiction over the Primary Associations, so Sister Sarah M. Kimball, our beloved friend and President of the Relief Society, had charge of the affair and expressed her desire to make it as important as might be. Mrs. Elizabeth [Henderson] Duncanson, president of the Visiting Committee of the Relief Society was also invited with Sisters Susannah [Bacon] Waterfall and Hortense [Mary] Lang Jones. After preliminary remarks by the President, Bishop Pollard addressed the meeting as follows:—“I have looked this ward over and over again and can find no one as suitable as Sister Morris. She has reared her children in the order of marriage that the world is fighting and her children are a credit to the ward, and I consider her a proper person to help others to rear their children.”

These eulogistic remarks caused me to feel very humble and tears came to my eyes. Mrs. Duncanson turned to me and said in her emphatic way with her Scotch brogue;—“Ye mustn’t refuse, but we will excuse ye from visiting the blocks.”

My councillors were Sisters Susannah Waterfall and Hortense Lang Jones, with my son George, then ten years old, as Treasurer, as Sister Kimball suggested that I could then oversee that part also. Prudie [Prudence] Brown was our Secretary with Vernie [Isabell] Lufkin as assistant. Our first meeting was appointed for the following Thursday, which being Thanksgiving Day, we concluded should be in the form of a party.

While the children were happily dancing, two or three boys, aged from fourteen to fifteen, came and stood beside me on the stage. One

of them remarked, rather contemptuously,—“Too small! Too small!” His companion replied, “Rather than speak to a lady as you have spoken to that lady, I would sack my head.” A little later Bro. Henry P. Lindsey [Henry Patrick Lindsay] came and stood beside me but he was delighted, and said, “This is pretty! This is beautiful!” One little maiden danced so beautifully that had we been in possession of a bouquet we would have presented it to her, but upon consultation we concluded to give her the money to buy a pair of shoes, as her mother was a widow.

We had \$4.00 in the Treasury at the beginning, and this was spent for much needed books, but this entertainment brought us \$16.00, half of which we gave to the Ward fund to pay for the use of the hall.

Our next meeting was in the form of a concert by the children, but of course there was but little time for preparation, but Sister Sarah M. Kimball, who came to visit us, was much pleased, and Sister Elmina S. [Shepard] Taylor, General President of the Y.L.M.I.A., who had accompanied her, spoke encouragingly to us.

I put my best energy into the work. I loved it; I loved the children and the children loved me. I controlled them by kind firmness and would allow no harshness used towards them. I never went to a meeting without seeking Divine guidance. My gift for singing served me well in this work and my natural idea of reciting was a help also. With cheerfulness, kindness, patience and firmness, aided by the Spirit of God we got along very nicely and enjoyed the work.

We gave many entertainments in which the children took part, but did not charge for admission as I felt that the work was too sacred in its character. If we needed funds we raised them in some other way. For instance, a fair, which I worked hard to get up, left fifteen dollars in the treasury when I left the Association.

At one time I had an elocutionist of some merit for one counselor and a good reciter for the other. But I, being president, did not propose to stand idly by and let them do all of this class of work. although I always paid them due respect and consulted with them in everything. But when I had anything to teach to the children and did not feel myself quite qualified, I went to the best elocutionist in town and at considerable expense took private lessons on the exercise I desired to teach, so, having learned myself, I was competent to teach others. Many times, mothers, feeling proud of the achievements of their children would come to me and say;—“You have more patience with my children than I have myself.” and they would express their gratitude for my efforts.

I held the position of Ward President of the Primary Association for twelve years to the day, lacking one month, and was then called as Councillor to the President of the Salt Lake Stake Primary Board. . . .

[At this point, a twenty-one-page section from the memoir has been omitted from the book. Although it is within the earlier portion of Mary Lois Morris's memoir it was not included here because it details her church responsibilities in the LDS primary organization after 1887 and a patriarchal blessing that she received in 1894. It describes the primary curriculum that Mary Lois composed while Fifteenth Ward Primary president and a member of the Salt Lake Stake Primary presidency and includes the full transcription of several spiritually themed poems and dialogues that she wrote for the primary children to read in church meetings.]

Home Life

In looking over my past life and the many years I have worked in the different offices I have been called to fill in the organizations of the Church, it is a satisfaction to me that I have not neglected my children. And any success I may have had in this regard also, I have my Heavenly Father to thank for His assistance, through the inspiration of His Holy Spirit. No matter was too small for me to raise a petition to Him for help, and my prayer was always answered.

Even in those early days, when we had no bathroom or many changes of clothes, I made a point of bathing the children and giving them clean underwear twice a week.

Little Kate would be the first. Having a large towel warm to receive her, I would wrap her in it, head and all, and after rubbing her, pretend that I had lost her, until a few minutes later I uncovered her little brown head and smiling face, pretending to have found her again, to her great delight. The bathing would occur on Wednesday and Saturday evenings usually. If all could not be bathed at night, it was done the following morning. One morning, I remember, I had only twenty minutes to bathe little Nephi, or he would be late for School. I was unwilling that he should miss his bath or be tardy, but with the help of my Heavenly Father, all went well, and he was bathed, changed and off to school in time.

It was My Heavenly Father and me in the rearing of those children, for I had sent my petition to the courts above that the King of Kings would send me spirits who would have a desire to serve Him above all things on earth.

Nephi had a very strong will; He was not inclined to do evil, but not always aching to do what I knew to be for his best good. But I could not let it go at that. This strong willpower needed directing. Sometimes I would kneel down, perhaps three or four times, before I could get him to go to Sunday School, but it was generally successful. In the line of duty, it was my God, and then my children.

When he was about ten years old I had entreated him to go to meeting with me, but this time to no purpose, so I went my way without him. Your sister Addie, who was always very careful of her little brothers, was

at home, so I had no anxiety upon that score. While in meeting I saw a man go up to the stand as if to take a message, and then your father rose and went out. As I neared Third West on First South Street, your father met me with a buggy, and told me in a pleasant manner that Nephi had broken his leg. In his afternoon meanderings he had been down to the barn and climbing a fence, his knickerbockers had caught, and hanging there, his weight had broken his leg. By the time I reached home he had been made very comfortable by Dr. Joseph S. Richards. His precious leg was encased in leather splints and over this they had put one of a pair of red and gray striped stockings, which I had knitted for my own use, such being the style in those days. This fitted cozily over the splints and gave added support. He was put to bed on the lounge in the dining room, which was lofty, roomy and airy, so with the bright glow of the fire, made a pleasant room for an invalid boy. I made a bed for myself in the recess near the fireplace and having just completed some warm winter night gowns, I was ready and it was a real pleasure to wait upon him if he needed anything at night.

Many friends called to see him, amongst others Miss Mary Jones, who brought Claude Clive, a boy about Nephi's own age. She also used to come and bring him grapes, etc. Ed brought him a map of the United States, in blocks, which gave him much pleasure to put together.

In about three weeks the doctor said we might take him to his office. It was on a fine frosty Sunday that Ed Parry took us up in a buggy. Your father was at the time in Parley's Park building the Ontario Mine. That night as we began to ascent the stairs to retire, Nephi stumbled over the first step. My heart filled with loving compassion and tenderness as I helped him back into the dining room and drawing the lounge near the fire, took him in my arms as I would have taken a newly-born baby, only love was so much stronger. His utter helplessness and his having suffered so much already, drew forth the deepest sympathy of my heart.

The same afternoon, I think, the floor in front of the hearth, which had been built by a short-sighted workman, with only a foot of the space where the ashes fell, caught fire, burning the carpet and the floor underneath. Upon examining the hole in the floor, I could see shavings underneath and feared that a spark might have fallen amongst these and that it might smoulder, and later break into flames I extinguished the fire, and poured water allaround, but little Nephi being so crippled and your father away from home, I felt very anxious. So I called the family together and had prayers, asking God to take care of us and after that we felt no uneasiness. The following morning we had a man come to enlarge the hearth and make it safe.

I am reminded of a pleasant incident that occurred a few months previous to this. The two little boys, Nephi and George, had some

beautiful new suits made by your father's Welsh tailor, Bro. John Thomas, and I had knitted them some red stockings, and thus arrayed I took them to town to see the Strassburg Clock, in miniature, which was displayed in one of the stores. When this clock struck the hour, images representing the twelve apostles came out and bowed before the Saviour. It was April conference, and seeing the clock, and enjoying a feast of oranges, was a great treat to the little fellows.

When Nephi was in his early teens he was called and ordained a deacon.⁷⁸ It would sometimes happen that a party would be held upon the same evening as his quorum meeting but I always urged him to attend his meeting first and go to the party afterwards, or in other words, to seek first the Kingdom of God.

As soon as he was old enough, he went to the Brigham Young Academy, at Provo.⁷⁹ I wrote to Bro. [Karl Gottfried] Maeser, asking him not to allow my boy to room with some who might have been sent there to reform bad habits, as I had taken great care of him, thus far.

While he was there, however, I had an opportunity of seeing him sometimes, for part of the time I was in hiding, on the "underground" as we called it, I resided in Provo.

On the Underground

When it was nearing Christmas, my daughter Addie was much concerned at my being away, thinking that it was a dreadful thing for a mother to be absent at the festal season, so at the end of November, much against my judgment, I went to Salt Lake. I expected to return to Provo in February and bring my son George Q. (whom I had left in charge of his sister Effie) back with me to attend the B. Y. Academy with his brother Nephi.

I have often thought since, how much more comfortable I should have been at Aunt Clara Loverage's than to have returned home to a cold, dusty house, which of course my first thought was to make as clean

78. A Deacons Quorum was first organized in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward in 1877. At this time, the office of deacon was gradually becoming associated with young men. The main responsibilities of deacons were collecting fast offerings and making distributions for the bishop of their ward. Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 75; Arrington, *Mormon Experience*, 215.

79. Provo, Utah, is forty-five miles south of Salt Lake City. Brigham Young Academy, located in Provo, was an early predecessor of Brigham Young University. President Brigham Young began the Academy in 1875 and appointed Karl G. Maeser, a German-born convert and educator, as principal. The school's first students were primarily in the elementary grades, but in later years the Academy became a secondary school, a teacher training college, and then Brigham Young University. During the 1885–1886 school year, while Mary Lois was in hiding in Provo, her son Nephi attended the Academy. See Keith L. Smith, "A History of the Brigham Young University: The Early Years, 1875–1921"; Ernest L. Wilkinson, ed., *Brigham Young University: The First One Hundred Years*.

and cosy as possible. But even then I had to be in hiding, and it was well that I did so, as after events proved, for it was by the veriest chance that I got out of the City again without being caught by our persecutors. I had asked Arnold [Gustave Giauque] to give me an account of the amount I had received from the office during a certain period, and during the evening received a letter from him as he passed down the street to his own home. I naturally concluded it to be merely the memorandum referred to, and as I was very busy laundering some clothes to send to Provo to the boys the following day, I put the envelope on the mantel, behind the clock, and thought no more about it. The next day was Fast Day, in those days held on Thursday. As I sat by the fire during the afternoon I chanced to look up and detected your father's handwriting upon the envelope. It was from the Blue Bird Mine, which he was building for the Walker Bros. in Montana. He said he had had words with a man who was working for him, and was afraid he intended to make trouble, so I had better get out of the way as soon as possible.

How to wash, iron and pack to leave my home for an indefinite period, in a few hours, was a pussler. I had to have my wits about me. First I put in one place all I intended to take with me and worked as hard as I could. At dusk, I went to the office to make some necessary arrangements. As I set out all went like clock-work. The car was at the top of the street when I arrived and at Main Street I met Dean Swift, who went to the office to see if Arnold Giauque were still there, while I waited upon the corner. I shall always remember his kindness. He brought back word that our faithful friend and businessmanager had not yet left, having been detained (for my benefit, it would seem.) I went into the office and made my business known to him;—if I had been a titled lady he could not have treated me with more respect; I shall never forget him for it. He gave me what money I needed and a nice purse to hold it, and promised to see that my trunk was at the depot the following morning in time for the train. So next day, the 5th of December, 1885, at 6a.m. I started out, holding little Katie by the hand. I went early for safety and it was so dark that I had to feel my way over the foot bridge. I was thickly veiled and afraid to look or speak, and when I met my son Nephi at Provo I was afraid to own him or speak to him. He, however, came to me and introduced me to a Bro. Loveridge [Ledru C. Loveridge], who took me in a conveyance to the home of his wife, Aunt Clara [Pratt Loveridge], a particular friend of ours, to whom he introduced me as Mrs. Vaughn. She received me quite kindly, but when I removed my veil she exclaimed; "You little gypsy", and was ready to shake me with delight. And so I reached my place of refuge in safety. Dear Aunt Clara made us very happy for a short time, and was very disappointed when I made up my mind to go up to Salt Lake again just

before Christmas Day. She was a great friend of your Aunt Aggie's and was pleased to entertain her sister.

Christmas day was not a very happy holliday for me, as I was afraid to go out and remained in hiding alone, at home, but had the consolation of being with my daughter Addie as much as I could during my stay, and was with her when, on the 11th of the next month, (January) little Addie was born. Your father, however, did not consider it very safe for me to stay, so I returned to Provo, where I spent Washington's Birthday very pleasantly. It was a beautiful day and the sun shone brightly as I sat looking over some back numbers of the *Juvenile Instructor*, which was a source of intellectual enjoyment.⁸⁰

In March your father came to Provo upon some business matter, and during his short stay asked me if I would like to go to St. George. When I was in Salt Lake he had asked me to do so, but I had declined, as I did not want to be separated from my children, but now that I was already separated from them, I was pleased with the idea and gladly anticipated the pleasure of renewing my acquaintance with my old friends in Cedar City, where I had spent some very happy days, and also experienced some bitter trials. But alas, before he returned, he had concluded that I had better remain in Provo and have Nephi and George board with me, so as to lessen expense. This disappointment, together with a spell of very cold weather, made me feel rather blue, as it is so seldom that I give way to anticipation, and I wanted to go south and stay for a little while. The following month your father again came to Provo, as the April General Conference was held there. When we first went there your father had requested me to take the name of his dear Grandmother Vaughan, but one frosty day, little Miss Katie wrote her name upon the window pane, and so gave us away.

Before the close of the school year, we went to Spanish Fork, to visit some old friends of your father's.⁸¹ It was during the month of May, 1886 and we, little Katie and I, were met at the depot by a Mr. Stringer with a good conveyance and in the evening there was a meeting at which the real Welsh language was spoken. It took me back fifty years! His wife, who had formerly been the wife of John Roach, received us very kindly and we spent a pleasant week visiting friends of your father's.

The following week, on May 26th, we went to the closing exercises at the Academy, conducted, of course, by Karl G Maeser and James E.

80. The *Juvenile Instructor* was published semimonthly from 1866 until 1929, when its name was changed to the *Instructor*. A publication of the LDS Sunday School, it was edited by George Q. Cannon.

81. Spanish Fork, Utah, is located about eight miles south of Provo. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 349.

[Edward] Talmage. In those days of poverty these worth gentlemen had not yet received the title of "Doctor".

The exercises were delightful indeed; the pure spirit of the Gospel ran through all of them. Bro. Talmage was a powerful factor in the mirthfulness of the occasion, at the close of which we took the train for our home in Salt Lake City.

A little before this your father had been subpoenaed by those appointed for such work. They came to him early one morning. He spoke rather sharply to them as follows;—"What do you want to come here for at this time of the morning disturbing the family? I am in my office, and in my buggy and around town, and you can get me any time. I am not running away." On their route they had been down to your sister Effie's, but they would have it she was Briggie Ashton's wife and not Elias Morris' daughter, so they did not get her. When the deputies went to the Academy, wise Brother Maeser brought your brother John [Parry Morris] to them, and kept Nephi and George back. The time for the trial had not yet been set, but when all was in readiness your father told me to take his name again. An amusing incident occurred just before I left Provo. I had been told the Deputies were after me, and hurried to some kind hearted family, whose name was Meldrum, I think. Seeing a man coming towards the house, Aunt Clara hastened over to me saying;—"Aunt Mary, there is a Deputy at the house now, where are you going?" I replied, "I am going to stay right here." So the "Deputy" came to the house where I was hiding, and when he made his appearance this much dreaded man proved to be your father!

When we arrived home from Provo a warm welcome awaited us. Your father and Addie had united in trying to make the house look home-like and a warm supper was cooked and ready to serve. Addie had made me a fine white apron for my birthday present and we were as glad to be home as they were to have us return.

I was now free to set to work at my house-cleaning, feeling free for a while, or at least until the trial came off. I was surprised to find how much dust could collect in an un-occupied house, although Addie had hired a woman to clean it before we came. But in due time it was all done, even to the wallpaper in the parlour, which I had hired a woman to clean.

George, who was twelve years old, now went to work for the Home Bakery, in which your father was heavily interested. The agreement was that he should be on hand at three o'clock a.m. but should return at nine a.m. for his breakfast and then rest. This conscientious child would say; "Now, Ma, wake me before three." which I did, although it hurt my feelings to have him get up so early. On the part of his employer, however, the agreement was not kept. After he had raced about town for hours delivering bread, he was given a piece of dry bread to eat, or perhaps a piece of very plain bun, and expected to attend to the team he had been

using and do many other things. Or if the boss was getting up a banquet, he was asked to go and help, or stay and make candy. The boss liked him very much, and felt he was to be trusted in everything. In speaking to a mutual friend of this man's utter disregard of the child's welfare and need of rest, she replied:—"Why, Aunt Mary, he works so hard himself that he never thinks of it!" We shall see the result.

When Nephi was working at the flour mill in which your father was interested, one of our faithful workmen said to me;—"Nephi is working too hard and lifting too many sacks for a boy of his age". I felt thankful to him for this information, although Nephi had uttered no complaint. I spoke to your father with regard to the matter, but he was not very well pleased. I had done my duty however. But in the case of Georgie I had made no protest, although I suppose I made a statement to the facts in reference to the treatment he was receiving. But to come out and assert plainly that "My boy cannot do this, or that.", and take the backbone out of him, is not my idea of rearing children. And then my circumstances were different to those of many others, and my Heavenly Father knew it. He was watching over us.

During that summer, Aunt Net. Coslet [Jennette Cosslett] came to occupy a furnished room in our house, and later Addie and George M. came to stay with us while their home was in course of erection.

One Monday morning, early in September, I was busy cleaning the cellar, and happening to look up, I saw a gentleman standing at Auntie's door and was impressed that he was a Deputy. I ran upstairs to comb my hair, and then went back to my work again, my sleeves turned up to my elbows. I did not mind that he should find me hard at work, but did not want to be caught with my hair uncombed. Soon the man was at my door. I bade my heart cease its throbbing and went to greet him as if I were pleased to see him, and bade him be seated. He declined, but asked me to be seated, saying,—“You are tired”. I called for a chair for him and spoke to him as if he had been a friend. He answered pleasantly, and then in an apologetic manner gave me to understand that we should have to appear at court. When the date of the present interview was mentioned, I suggested that there was a mistake, and after a moment's thought he admitted that there was, and so we parted with a pleasant “good-morning”. I knew that it would not do for me to be fearful and hang back, for I was next in importance as a witness, to the defendant, and perhaps moreso. So I prayed continually for courage, wisdom, and strength, for if I were to manifest fear it would give a guilty tone to the whole case. Also I realized in what light I should be held by the other members of the family if your father had to go prison for my sake. In the meantime I was taken to Lawyer Richard's office and drilled as to what I must do. He remarked to your father, “You need have no fear from this lady, she seems

quite collected." None of my children were subpoenaed, but nearly all of Auntie's were, hired help included.

During the summer Nephi had expressed himself in some way as if he did not feel just right as to the way things were going. Children have their eyes open and no doubt have their trials. I asked myself the question "Have I said anything at any time to make my son think less of this principle that I have spent my life in sustaining?" In talking to him upon the subject, he said;—"You do nothing else but sustain it." I thought; "That will do, I can stand that!"

About a week before the trial at court, George came home feeling sick, and instead of taking an interest in things, he hung around and could not eat. He always seemed thirsty, but when he drank anything it caused nausea.

The Trial

Finally the day of the Trial, arrived, and in order that no one would think that I was afraid, I went early. Rose Thompson was with me. She and her mother were living in one of our rooms at the time. She had been subpoenaed as a witness at the same time that the papers were served on me. I dressed in my best, which was a black cashmere dress, heavily trimmed with passementerie; with bonnet and parasol to match. When we arrived at the County Building, the colored janitor had not yet completed his work, but I sat quietly where I was bidden until the officer whose business it was to do so, called out;—"Hear ye, hear ye", and court was opened. I sat as still as I could, knowing that I must be calm and brave, however I might feel. After a while it was my turn to go to the witness stand. I had my fan along, and I do not know that it ever offered me better service, for it made me seem at ease, although my heart might be beating so that it almost choked me.

After swearing to what I had been instructed, I stuck to my text. One thing to which I had to testify was, that defendant and I had not lived together for such a number of years. The question was then asked;—"How is it that you have such kind feelings toward the defendant?" I replied, "Because of his extreme kindness to me." I think this answer touched their finer feelings. I believe I had to relate about my first marriage. There was an inference drawn that I was not married to the defendant, but the statement was sustained; "that we were not THEN living together as man and wife. Another question was;—"Did you receive money from the defendant while you were in Provo?" I said, "I had money of my own which I used at my own discretion." Another question was, "How does the defendant pass his time with you?" (Now, my dignity was aroused) I answered, "Every other week, if it is any benefit to you."

The prosecution now drew in its horns and the council said; "Mrs. Morris, we did not intend to hurt your feelings." They then asked me to produce a letter I had received from defendant during my absence from home.

The Court then adjourned until two o'clock. At that hour, our case was "to be, or not to be".

When the Court resumed its operations, it decided that the charges against us had not been sustained, the defendant was discharged, and congratulations were in order. One of the first to offer congratulations was Governor [Eli Houston] Murray, himself.

I received my witness fee, and went on my way rejoicing. Not, however, without some unpleasant feelings. The thought of being dishonored as a wife, after a marriage of thirty years or more, was neither comforting or flattering. Your sister Addie was very angry about my position.

When the account of the Court proceedings appeared in the Evening News, Mrs. Sarah Maria Cannin remarked;—"that it was most ladylike defense she had ever read."

And so, I was free, at the expense of being separated from my husband!

[The memoir continues after the portion included here and describes Mary Lois's husband's death and other details of her own and her children's lives. The inclusion of only the first half of Mary Lois's memoir (from her birth until 1887) complements her diary account of the years 1879 to 1887. Beginning on page 534 below, an epilogue contains Mary Lois's account in her memoir of accompanying her daughter Kate, a polygamous wife, on the underground in Mexico from 1902 to 1905.]

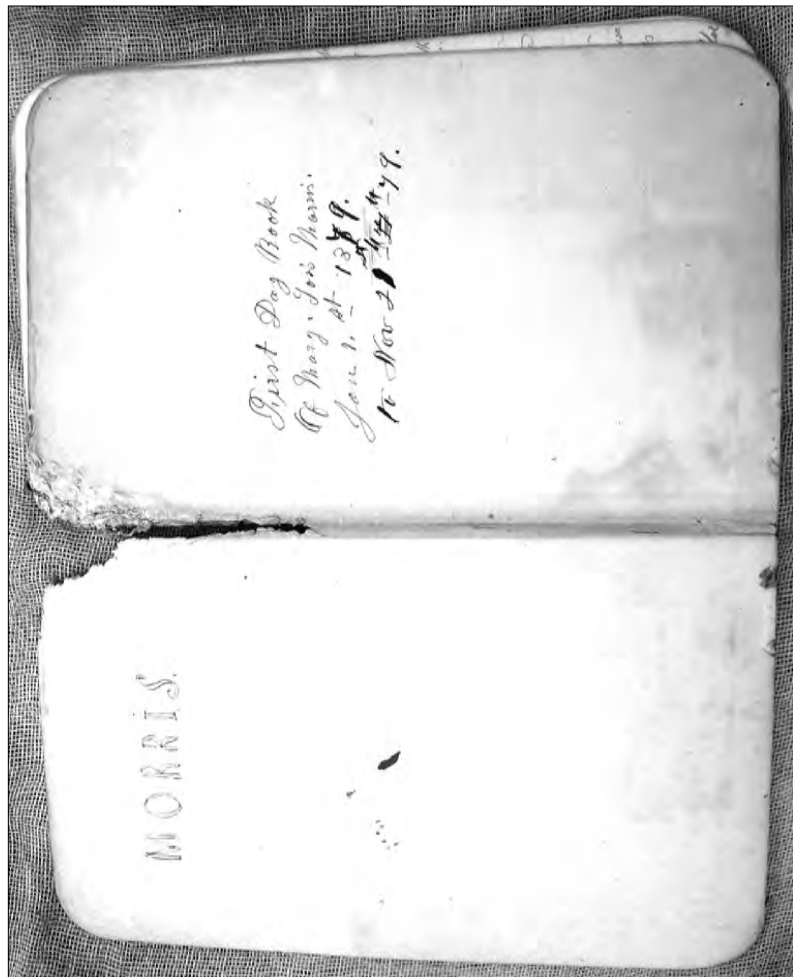


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First page of Mary Lois's first day book, begun on January 1, 1879.

DIARY



Courtesy of Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley

*Mary Lois Morris in the 1880s,
photographed by Fox & Symons.*

1879

“Had a Host of Callers”

*First Day Book
Of Mary Lois Morris
Jan. 1st 1879.
to Nov 21st-27th 79*

January 1879

1st Spent the day at home quietly. Cousin Wm. C. Morris called in the morning had a pleasant chat. Albert Unger in the afternoon. the children went to a party held in the Court School house. In the evening Addie accompanied Mr. David [Joseph] Williams¹ to a party in the Ward Hall.

Thursday 2nd attended fast meeting a.m. In the afternoon called on Grandmothers Williams; they blessed me and I them. then also called on Hannah and Nancy. Nancy being much pleased with the verses I had composed for her.

F 3rd Sister Electa [Mott] Barlow was found almost dead in bed this morning at four o'clock. I received a letter from my Brother²

Saturday 4th attended Stake conference in the Theater.

Sunday 5th attended the funeral of Sister Electa Barlow in the morning Sister [Jane] Millers in the afternoon, who was poisoned by inhaling arsenical fumes from coal stinders used to warm her room.

Monday 6th washed and made some perches for my daughter Effie.³

Tuesday 7th finished a vest and went up town.

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1. Marian Adelaide (Addie) Morris (1861–1933) was Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris's second child. She was seventeen years old at this time.
 2. Mary Lois reportedly saw her older brother, Charles Lowell Walker (1832–1904), only five times after arriving in Utah because the latter lived in St. George from 1862 until his death. The two corresponded throughout their lives by letter and shared a love of reading and poetry. CWD, vii–xviii.
 3. Effie Walker Morris Ashton (1859–1929) was the oldest daughter of Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris. She married Edward Treharne Ashton on April 4, 1878, at the age of nineteen. Effie and her husband, Edward Ashton, lived on the southeast corner of First South and Sixth West.

Wensday 8th Addie in company with her Prest. Mrs. Lucy Russell and fellow councilor Miss Cathrine [Catherine Hughes] Evans canvassed Six blocks in behalf of the Primary Accocation before organizing the same.⁴

Thursday attended to household duties; received a call from my Nephew Moroni W. Pratt who is in from Bare. Lake with a broken arm. Addie and Miss Evans canvased seven more blocks on the same errand came home much fatiged, but wrote down the names of all the children they had visited.

Friday 10th assisted Addie in her preperations as committee on picnic—this being the anniversary of the Y.M.M.I.A. in our Ward.⁵ A year ago to day my Daughter Effie took an active and efficient part on a similar oca-tion. and this is her twentyth birthday, may heaven bless her footsteps, she is a faithful and loveing Wife and a dutyful child.

Saturday 11th this afternoon my Husband arrived from Park Cty. Also E.T. Ashton my daughters Husband;⁶ both in good health and spirits. This afternoon also the Primary A of our Ward was organisd with Mrs. Lucy Russell. Pres. And Miss Addie Morris first councilor Miss. Cathrine Evans second Coucilor

Sunday 12th my daughter Effie gave birth to a fine son [Edward Morris Ashton]. is in much pain dureing the day has no desire for food. Her father called to see us in the evening

Monday 13th Effie about the same.

Tuesday 14th Effie no better.

Wensday 15th Effie a little better; the children called to see me. Had a

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4. The Primary Association, the children's organization of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, was founded four and a half months earlier, on August 15, 1878, for "disciplining, educating and spiritually cultivating children." The Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Primary was formed on January 4, 1879, with "190 members, 105 girls and 85 boys." Mary Lois's daughter Addie was called as the first counselor in the fledgling Primary and canvassed the Fifteenth Ward throughout January 1879 trying to get children to join the organization. In the coming months, Primary Associations were organized in many wards throughout the church. Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 180; Madsen and Oman, *Sisters and Little Saints*, 1–32; Derr, "Sisters and Little Saints: One Hundred Years of Mormon Primaries."
 5. The Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association (Y.M.M.I.A.) was begun in 1875 in the Salt Lake Thirteenth Ward as an organization for the young men of the LDS church. At around the same time, on April 15, 1875, an organization for young men in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, the Fifteenth Ward Literary Institute, was organized. Meetings of the Fifteenth Ward Literary Institute were held until September 25, 1876, when the group was reorganized as the Y.M.M.I.A. Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 154; Leon M. Strong, "A History of the Young Men's Mutual Improvement Association 1875–1938."
 6. Edward Treharne Ashton (1855–1923), the son of Edward Ashton and Jane Treharne, married Effie Walker Morris on April 4, 1878. At this time, he worked as a mason for Elias Morris's company of Morris & Evans.

pleasant call from Bro Ashton Sister Duncanson and my Husban

Thursday 16th Effie sent for little Kate⁷

Friday 17th Effie better.

Saturday 18th Nephi and George called⁸ and Addie after she had attended the P.A. While they were away E.L.A. m mutelated and killed some chickens

Sunday 19th Effie's health improveing, had a host of callers includeing Aunt Lavinia [Robins Morris], Aunt Aggie Miss Shenalds. Bp Pollard. and eight or ten S.S. children. Effie is eating next to nothing

Monday 20th did a large washing against Edward's will.

Tuesday 21st Effie still gaining, had a call from Nephi and george.

Wensday Effie come out in the Kitchen to dine with us as she did yesterday; Sister Ann and Elizabeth Duncanson called in the eve, and some other friends spent a pleasant time; also Aunt Lavinia called on her way to a surprise party to be held at the house of the late Wm. V. Morris.

Thursday 23rd Aunt Lavinia called after staying all night at the place afore named, said the party did not transpire. Aunt Eliza and cousin Dinthia called. Did a large ironing in the afternoon. Rachel [Evans] Pratt called with her beautiful Baby.

Friday 24th Effie still gaining Addie called said the children were well. Bro James [Shadrach] Lewis called as teacher chatted about old times,⁹ and the date we left England; being January 19 18th 1850. Boarded the ship on the 11th

Saturday 25th engaged in houshold duties. in the eveing Sister Duncanson called and requested me to accompany her to see Sister [Jane Brock] Tibbs whome we found dying. returned with Sister D— and helped to make a pair of linen garments for Sister Tibbs. Bro. J. [James Henry] Moyle received news of the death of his Brothers Wife who had poisoned herself.¹⁰

7. Katherine Vaughan Morris (1876–1930), the third and youngest daughter of Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was two years old at this time.

8. Nephi Lowell Morris (1870–1943), the oldest living son of Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was eight years old at this time. George Quayle Morris (1874–1962), the youngest surviving son of Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was four years old. It seems that the young boys were calling on their mother because she was staying at her daughter Effie's home to assist in her daughter's recovery from childbirth.

9. James Shadrach Lewis (1829–?) was a shoemaker and the husband of Elizabeth Williams Lewis. He seems to have come in the capacity of a block teacher. Such teachers were "assigned, in pairs, to visit the homes of each ward family living on a particular block. Home visits were supposed to be made monthly, except during the busy summer season, to carry requests and instructions from the bishop, to gather contributions, and to see to the spiritual and temporal welfare of the family." Arrington, *Mormon Experience*, 209–10.

10. James Henry Moyle (1835–1890), the son of Phillippa Beer and John Rowe Moyle, was

Sunday twenty sixth, was called up after six to help Mrs. Duncanson lay out Sister Tibbs. Came back to Effie's ate breakfast and putt her bed room in order, then went over to Sister D.s helped make Sister Tibbs Temple robes. Went over to Effies bid her goodbye, and went home to stay leaving Effie well and baby two weeks old; found my children well accepting Nephi who had a cough and cold. Ernest had lung fever and John inflam-oraty ruhumatiss.

Monday 27th washed durement the day. In the eve went over to Sister Tibbs helped to put on her Temple Robes came back; went over to see Ernest and Jonnie who were no better. Had a pleasant chat with the folks and Sister [Sarah Morgan] Unger. retired at Midnight

Tuesday 28th arose aboute six, went over to Sister Tibbs aboute nine, walked in procession after the Corpes; weather rather cold and snowing. Br [David Martin] Duncanson spoke highly of the decased was followed in a beautiful discourse by Bro. C.W. [Charles William] Penrose. Bro E. Morris also made some very timely remarks. The corpes looked beautiful and satisfied in her Temple Robes We followed her up to the grave yard; pretty cold and sleety comeing home. I felt great plasure in the disharge of my duties.

Wensday 29 arose about six attended to houshold affairs. recived a call from Peter [Thompson] Tibbs who brought some Exponants I had lent to his Mother; also an egg cup his she brought from scotland, which he gave me as a remembrance of her, with many thanks for services I had rendred.¹¹

Thursday 30th Called on Sister stry who is sick; also Sister Lewis had a pleasant chat intended to call on Effie but was prevented by the storm.

Friday 31st Knitted nearly all day.

February 1879

Saturday Feb 1st do [ditto].

Sunday 2nd attended Br Dimick [B.] Huntingtons Fuernal held in the 16th Ward assembly rooms. His request which was read by Bp [Frederick] Kesler stated that he wished his coffin to be made of red wood varnished and wished to be carried up to his lot in the graveyard in a good lumber

a mason and builder. The wife of his brother, Stephen Moyle, was Mary Ann Kelly (1849–1879), who apparently poisoned herself. She died on January 24, 1879.

11. Peter Thompson Tibbs (1853–1919) was the son of Jane Brock and Peter Tibbs. In April of this year he married Winifred Jane Morris, Elias Morris's daughter by his first wife Mary Parry. Tibbs's mother, Jane Brock (1815–1879), was born in Buldernock, Scotland, and died on January 25, 1879.

waggon; and that those who might speak at his funeral would do so of his good deeds and not of his follies. And that his family would not mourn, or wear black and the Martial Band would play some lively air and if there were any Indians presant they might walk next to the Band, and the Band next the coffin. The speakers were Bp. [Leonard Wilford] Hardy, Jessee W. [Jesse Williams] Fox, Joseph E. Taylor, Theodore [Theodore] McKean, Prest John Taylor and Bp Keslor. There were hundreds that could not gain admittance. The reman looked beautiful, more like a person fresh washed and dressed and put to sleep, than a corpes. The speaking was pointed and excelent. my Husband was one of the Pall bearers. in connexion with his bretheren of the high Council of whome Bro Huntington was a member. While waiting in the crowd I saw my old friend Sister Joseph [Emma Green] Bull with whome I had crossed the plaines in the year 53. She told my Sister who was standing by that it was from me she took the first lessons of a submissive Wife. This set me to thinking of many things in my past life. From there my Sister urged me to accompany her to her daughters Mrs Ridges. Next Mrs Clara Loveridge spent a very pleasant hour or two promised to join in a surprise party next thursday o friday.

Monday 3rd washed and performed other duties. Addie attended S.S. Union in the eve.¹² In the night little Kate was in great distress for several hours; I administered a spoonfull of concecrated oil in the name of Jesus; she was instantly relived for which I thank and prais God.

Tuesday 4th Addie attended a carpet bee in the 11th Ward having received the invitation on friday preivous while attending the P.A. of that Ward. At which meeting some little boys and girls arose and said the spirit of God was burning in their hearts so that they could not sit still. This I know to be true as it was my own experence at the earley age of ten.

Wensday 5th did a good deal of cleaning and visited My Block. called on Effie found all well. Bro [George] Chatfield called on us as a teacher.

Thursday 6th attended fast Meeting in the morning; Commitee Meeting in the afternoon. Sister Lorenza Petit died to day. I gave Bro Varney some pamphelts and Exponants.

12. An organization "similar to a Sunday School" was first organized in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward in 1856 but was discontinued in 1857. The first complete Sunday school in the Fifteenth Ward was organized in 1865 and included Mary Lois Morris and her daughter Effie Morris as two of its earliest members. Two years later, in 1867, the General Sunday School Union was formed to coordinate the Sunday school program throughout the church. In 1879, when Mary Lois's diary begins, the Sunday school met in the two-story adobe "granary" building that was used as the Ward meetinghouse. After 1881, when the construction of a new ward meetinghouse was completed, the Sunday school met in the new chapel. Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 117–18; *History of the Fifteenth Ward Sunday School*, 5–11; Leonard J. Arrington and Davis Bitton, *The Mormon Experience: A History of the Latter-day Saints*, 214.

Friday 7th attended a surprise party at Sister Lucy Russell; had a very pleasant time, received many thanks from the hostess for entertaining the company with Songs.

Friday Saturday 8th did house work all day, Nephi read a chapter in the bible in my stead.

Sunday 9th stayed at home all day. Addie attended Sister Petit's furenal visited Alice [Cecilia] Penrose in the afternoon. Attended Ward Meeting in the evening heard Apostle J. [Joseph] F. Smith who delighted his hearers by the power and spirit of God.

Monday 10th visited Mrs. Loveridge.

Tuesday 11th attended to house work

Wensday 12th Bro [David Richard] Gill called.

Thursday 13th attended a surprise party at my Neice Mrs. Aggie Ridges had a very pleasant time.

Friday 14th Addie attended a Valentine Ball.

Saturday 15th Addie attended P.A. and a meting in the 16 Ward. Heard Mrs. E. B. Wells who had lately arrived from washington.¹³

Sunday 16th heard Apostle J. F. Smith in the 18th Ward

Monday 17th washed. received a call from Sister Unger, heard of the death of Elder C. P. Liston

Tuesday 18th visited My daughter Effie; Was invited by Sister Duncanson to go over and eat supper with them. Miss Lizzie [Elizabeth Ann] Ashton Miss Maggie [Margaret] Powell and Sister Attey were quilting. spent a very pleasant time.

Wednesday 19th Addie brought little Clara Bell [Clarabella] Ridges to visit us; she is a sweet child and a lady.

Thursday 20th attended [Relief] Society meting. went up town had a pleasant chat with my Sister. Addie made a cake for george as he is five years old to day

Friday 21st attended to household duties.

Saturday 22nd do. [ditto]

Sunday 23rd went to afternoon meting. After returning home Annie Ridges called to bring us some weding Cake her sister Addie being Married on thursday 20th inst.

Monday 24th washed and invited Aunt Aggie, Aunt Mary [Wood] Pratt Mamie Young. Mothoni Pratt to come and suprise Addie Addie on her

13. Emmeline Blanche Woodward Wells (1828–1921) was sent with Zina Young Williams on a mission to Washington in 1879 to present a memorial to President and Mrs. Hayes asking for the protection of their "religious rights" and to meet with leaders of the national suffrage movement. Emmeline Wells served as the editor of the *Woman's Exponent*, as a member of the General Relief Society Board (1880–1921), and as the general president of the Relief Society (1910–1921). Introduction to Madsen, *Battle for the Ballot*, 8.

birthday which which they were glad to do

Tuesday 25th Miss Lizzie Kimbal and Marey Saulsbury [Mary Eliza Salisbury] called to say that they would bring a party to surprise Addie on her birthday with my permission.

Wensday 26th Addie is eighteen years old to day. in the afternoon our invited guests arrived. In the evening a large party came to surpris Addie consisting of the S.S. choir bringing picnic with them. stayed tll after Midnight had an enjoyable time. Addi recived an album from her Mother and a five dollar gold peice from her father.

Thursdy 27th did housework and sewing

Friday 28th recived a call from Sister Unger and her father Bro [Evan] Morgan who has lately arrived from wales; he being 80 years old his intellect bright he being a temperate man had a pleasant chat with them for a few moments

March 1879

Saturday 1st attended to household duties; Addie attended P.A. meeting, also the Sisters Meeting, in the 14th Ward¹⁴

Sunday 2nd attended Sacrement Meeting in the Ward durement the services Effies and Barbaras Babies were blessed. My Husband being mouth in blessing Barbaras Baby¹⁵ Bro Ashton being mouth in blessing Effie's Baby. Bp Pollard called on both Grandpaa's to speak after. My Husband said he expected to live to see His Childrens Children Bro Ashton felt great pleasure and honor in blessing his first Grandchild, hoped he would never do anything ~~hoped he~~ to disgrace Brother Ashton him or his parents.

Monday 3rd washed and made some perchases. Addie attended S.S. Union.

Tuesday 4th visited the Block in the morning, attended Court in the afternoon, heard Judg Tilford for the defence; Juudg Van sile for the prosecution in the case of General R.T. Burton.¹⁶ Sister Uunger called on me in

14. Addie was probably attending the Cooperative Retrenchment meeting in the Salt Lake Fourteenth Ward. This was an inter-ward meeting that provided leadership on issues of self-sufficiency and "retrenchment." EM, 1223–24; Derr, Cannon, and Beecher, *Women of Covenant*, 114–18.

15. Barbara Elizabeth Morris Swan (1853–1937), the daughter of Elias Morris and his first wife Mary Parry, was the wife of William Thomson Kenneth Swan. Her baby, William (Willie) Swan, was born on December 28, 1878.

16. Mary Lois attended one of the closing days of the trial of General Robert T. Burton in the case of *People v. Robert T. Burton*. General Burton, a prominent Mormon, was charged with the murder of Bella Bowman during the Morrisite battle in 1862. Mary Lois may have been particularly interested in this case because her father, William Gibson Walker, had been a member of the Morrisite sect. Burton's case came to trial

great trouble; concluded to leave her Husband Mr. Lewis.

Wensday 5th Addie attended Court in the morning; I attended to home affairs.

Thursday 6th attended fast meeting a.m. Committe Meeting p.m. took fast offerings at eve—

Friday 7th called on Effie and did some sewing. Addie attended Tabernacle Choir pratice with Mr. [Henry Evans] Giles and Mis Evans I spent a pleasant eve at home with the Children.

Saturday 8th Addie attendd P.A. in. I attended to house work

Sunday 9th attended Sacrament meeting Addie attended evening meeting; Prest a.m. Cannon addressed the people. A number of the Grils and boys accompanied Addie home Sang and had a pleasant time.

Monday 10th received a letter from my Brother bearing the sad news of the death of his little Daughter Mary [Walker] by his Wife Sarah [Smith Walker]. wrote some vercies on the subject. Addie attended a sewing bee at the F house of C.W. Penrose. Received a call from Bro S.L. Evans. Made 41 sacks.¹⁷

Tuesday 11th washed and went up town; Addie attended Y.L.M.I.A.¹⁸ they were honored by a visit from Prest Mrs. [Mary Ann Burnham] Freeze and her Councilors Mrs. [Clarentine Young] Conrad and [Mary Louise Pile] Felt. and others had a good time

Wensday 12th attended to household affairs answered my brothers letter

on February 20, 1879, in Salt Lake City. The prosecution, conducted by U.S. Attorney Philip T. Van Zile, claimed that the criminal act had taken place in 1862, when Burton was dispatched with the territorial militia to end the Morrisite uprising. Prosecutors claimed that after the conclusion of the fight, Mrs. Bowman, one of the Morrisite followers, was shot and killed for making a disrespectful remark. Burton maintained that Mrs. Bowman had been killed by accident during the conflict. The case was given to the jury of half Mormons, half non-Mormons on March 5. Two days later the jury presented a verdict of not guilty. Whitney, *History of Utah*, 3:35–44; *Comp. History*, 5:48–49.

17. As a young girl in Manchester, England, Mary Lois remembered being called by her mother “little woman of forty bags” because of her habit of sewing tiny bags. She wrote, “this title was prophetic, as my children can all testify, for it always seemed to me to be a good way of keeping bedding and clothes neat and clean when not in use.” The sacks mentioned in this entry most likely would have been made for this purpose. Memoir 38; p. 75.
18. An organization for the young women in the LDS church was organized in 1869 as part of the Cooperative Retrenchment Association and was renamed the Young Ladies’ Retrenchment Association in 1871. It was later renamed the Young Ladies’ National Mutual Improvement Association (Y.L.N.M.I.A.) in 1877. The organization was initiated by Brigham Young to improve the spiritual and intellectual development of young women in the church and help them be less concerned with worldly matters. A young ladies’ organization was present in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward by 1870. Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 167; EM, 1616–17.

Thursday 13th visited my Sister in Company with Effie and baby Cousin Aggie and Lin; in the evening attended a concert in the Ward Gotten up by Bro J. R. [Joseph Rehoboam] Morgan to assist a family from England

Friday 14th sewed and wrote a letter to my Husband who is at Park City

Saturday 15th Addie and George attended P.A.

Sunday 16th spent the morning at home attended sacrement meeting. Stayed home in the evening read the Life of Joseph Smith. The Prophet.¹⁹

Monday 17th washed did some sewing and went up town. Talked to my little Boys on the evil of smoking. Addie attended a lecture by J.F. Smith in our Ward Hall.

Tuesday 18th did housework and sewing Addie attended Y.L.M.I.A. received a letter from my Husband. About midnight was waked by the wind blowing; ~~*Wednesday 19th*~~ bethought myself that there were embers of a bonfire in the Lot; and that the wind might blow the sparks over to the Barn. I arose looked through the west window, saw it all aglow; saw a big fire in the distance dressed, came down stairs put our own fire out, then knelt down and asked God to protect me while I went and warned my neibours where the fire was blazing the weather having been very dry for some time. Had the wind been a little higher the whole neighbourhood might have been in flames. I realized it was a great risk but felt in duty bound to go there being no man about the house. Found it to be in the rear of Bro [George] Bartons house inside an other mans fence. His child was dying but he helped put out the fire.²⁰ I felt glad that I had the courage to brave the danger and save the neibourhood

Wensday 19th Miss Jane Davis visited us we had a pleasant time; she accompanied Addie to a lecture given by Bro Graves of Provo on Sericulture.²¹

Thursday 20 was engaged in sewing went up town; payed 2. oz. Eggs as

19. Mary Lois was most likely reading Edward Tullidge's recently published *Life of Joseph the Prophet*. Tullidge's book combines a history of the early LDS church, beginning with Joseph Smith's First Vision, with doctrinal exposition on the Book of Mormon and Bible. The text of several documents from early LDS church history are also inserted within the text. Mary Lois had a great interest in early LDS church history and noted in her diaries a number of incidents from the beginnings of the LDS church.

20. Fires are mentioned a number of times in Mary Lois's diaries and seem to have been a particular concern for her after her son John Conway's death in a fire.

21. At this time, sericulture, or silk production, was stressed by the Relief Society as an important way to become independent of Eastern merchants. In 1865, mulberry trees to feed the silkworms were distributed to Relief Societies throughout the territory, and women were encouraged to plant them on their home lots. Sericulture was never a great success because of difficulties with "reeling" and making the silk into cloth, but a limited quantity of silk was produced. Arrington, "The Economic Role of Mormon Women," 152-53.

Tithing Miss Davis accompanied Addie to S.S. Choir practice. Spent the eve pleasantly at home with the Children.

Friday 21st Bro. Morgan called on Addie ~~on~~ ^{and} to help sing at the furnarel of Bro Burtons Baby. Effie came up to see with Baby; had a pleasant chat she assisted me about my drss. I accompanied her part way home. spent one hour at the Stake Society Conference. heard some good instruction Bro Norman's trial came off in the evening.

Saturday 22nd engaged in sewing. Addie gave a verbal report on the stand in Stake Conference Primary Asscation; when she reached the Stand Sisters Zina [Diantha Huntington] Young, E.R. Snow, S.M. Kimbal and others told her not to be afraid. When she had done they told her that she had done well." When coming out of meeting Sister Zinia said to her God bless you. Addie attended Con— in the afternoon also. Called on my Sister in the evening saw Nate and Lona and was made acquainted with Miss Mary [Elizabeth] Dunster.

Sunday 23rd read in the morning, attended meeting in the afternoon Bro. Norman asked forgiveness and is to be baptised into fellowship. Annie Ridges spent the afternoon with Addie. I feel very weary from the effects of a cup of tea I drank yesterday by invitation, how foolish I am ever to taste it. I am not able to sit up. After a nap had a chat with David J. Williams about my father and Celestial Marriage quit about eleven oclock.

Monday 24th washed three spreads four ticks two blankets and eighteen pounds of wool. went up town my Husband arrived from Park City. feeling very weary.

Tuesday feel sore from yesterdays work engaged in sewing heard of the death of brother Bartons Sister who died at Lehi to day.

Wensday 26th sewed all day wrote my Hs at night Aunty Hannah called to see My Husband about property affairs; the wind Blowing hard as we retire

Thursday 27th arose at six the ground well soaked with rain; cold and cloudy. Engaged in cuting and tacking a suit for Gorge.

Friday 28th arose at six 10. wether fin had peasant visit from Effie and babe; received an invitation to visit her next Monday in connexion with Aunt Aggie and cousin Lin Musser; worked on georges suit.

Saturday 29 arose at 5.30 finished Gs suit attended 14th Ward Meeting a good spirit prevailed was moved upon to speak and did so. Received a letter from my friend Jennie Coslet. In walkg home with my Husband had a chat with Pres. A.M. Cannon. Sister Bowlden took a notion to pick up and leave.

Sunday 30th waited on Bp [William Hainey] Hickenlooper earley in the morning; succeeded in geting a reccomend for my friend Jenni Coslet which I mailed in my own letter to her this evening; attended afternoon meting. Effie and Ed called this evening; There appeared an Epistle in last evenings news from the pen of Apostle W. [Wilford] Woodruff in my

opinion the greatest ever issued in this Generation.²²

Monday 31st had a very pleasant visit with Effie my Sister and Cousin Lin Musser at Effies house. Little Cousin Elias very sick.

April 1879

Tuesday 1st W. fine. called on Miss Russel in the morning, also Sister Hannah and Nancy; also Sister Ashton, lunched with Effie. Called on little Elias found him better. Visited my block, attended a lecture in the 14th Ward by Bro Graves on Sericulture. Went over to see little Elias about ten oclock but returned not being needed to watch.

Wensday 2nd did some shopping and Millinary work. Accompanied my Husband to see little Elias found him better. also called on Hannah and Nancy about their property.

Thursday 3rd attended fast Meeting in the morning. Committee Meeting in the afternoon. Sister Kimbal and Jones accompanied me to Sister Williamss had a pleasant chat; promised to call and take Nian Williams to Meeting two weeks from to day. My Husband's second Daughter Winnie. was Married this day to Peter Tibbs. Effie and Eward are invited. Diantha ran over to see me from the wedding. They hahave not so much as said wedding to me or Addie. These things cut and wound; but they cannot dim our crown if we are faithfull enough to gain one.

Friday 4th one year ago to day my oldest daughter Effie was united in the Holy Bonds of Matrimony with Edward T. Ashton. Their marrage was solomized at the Endowment House Apostle J.F. Smith officateing. Tiss a great gratifying to give a pure unspotted daughter to a youth of the same stamp. Eward was as bashful as a maiden could be; and Effies dress was seen to trmble as she knelt upon the Alter; a purer couple never graced its sacred shrine. My Sister. Sister Ashton. my Husband and his daughter Winnie saw them Married. We came home and Aunt Aggie assisted Effie to ~~dress~~ undress and dress as she had done in the Endowment House; her

22. In this epistle, Wilford Woodruff (1807–1898), an apostle of the LDS church, addressed the subject of obeying the laws of the land forbidding plural marriage. Woodruff wrote that God had said that the Saints would be “damned” if they did not obey the law of eternal and plural marriage and the government had said that they would be “damned” if they did obey it. To the question of whom to obey—God or man—Woodruff answered, “As an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ, I will not desert my wives and my children and disobey the commandments of God, for the sake of accommodating the public clamor of a nation steeped in sin and ripened for the damnation of hell!” He then said that the government’s attempts to deprive the Saints of their freedom of religion will “sap the very foundation of our government.” “Epistle of Elder Wilford Woodruff: One of the Twelve Apostles,” *Deseret Evening News*, March 29, 1879.

bridal gown being blue cashmere with white silk tie. Which contrasted prettily with her fair skin and golden hair. Aunt Aggie brought her into the parlor and introduced her as Mrs. Ashton. We spent the remainder of the afternoon pleasantly chating amongst ourselves Sister Ashton being our only guest. At earley lamp light we partook of a repast prepared by my daughter Addie which did her credit. a little later Bro Ashton and their youngest son joined our happy circle. We spent the evening very pleasantly in quiet chat. There was no wine or intoxicants is used on the ocaion. about ten oclock Bro and Sister Ashton retired about an hour later my Husband kissed his daughter Effie and retired. About midnight the Bride and Bridegroom repaired to their new and beautiful home built and furnished by the Bridegroom. Two days later they received callers; entertaining thir guests with Bride cake and Lemon-ade, no wine on the programme. The young folks went down in droves to congralutas the happy pair; also bearring little tokens of love and esteem with them.

Saturday 5th attended Stake Con— in the morning; did some Millinary work in the afternoon. Took little George and Nephi to see the (Stractsbury Clock.) at night.²³ The moon shone out in all her Splendor. on my return home found Sister Williams of Cachse Vally had come to stay with us.

Sunday 6th attended Con— all day. Sister W. call and took her things away.

Monday 7th attended Con— all day; about dark it began to rain and continued all night

Tuesday 8th the ground well soked and a sprinkling of snow. Attended Con all day; the same adgjourned till the sixth of next October next. Addie attended Y.F.M.I.A. held in the Theater

Wensday 9th tore up and washed carpet and moved furniture. My old friend Elder Eliezer Ewards [Eleazar Edwards] called to see me; also Sister Morgan of brigham City and Aunt Eliza. Sister Bowld was taken very ill while staying in our house in the evening.

Thursday 10th little Katie is three years old to day; house cleaning still going on. My dear friend Sister Annie Bowring called who is in from Brigham City to attend Con Addie. Nephi and george attended P.A. george recited his peice well.

Friday 11th still house cleaning. Desolveing views are in exhibition of the earley His of the Church in our Ward to night²⁴ This morning the twelve

23. The Strasberg Clock was a replica of the original Strasberg Apostolic Clock, with many "Astronomical and Automatic Mechanisms, including the Processions of the Twelve Apostles." The visiting clock exhibition could be viewed at No. 68 Main Street in Salt Lake City for a charge of fifteen cents for adults and ten cents for children. *Deseret Evening News*, April 5, 1879.

24. Most likely these views were the highly popular stereo views (or stereographs). Each view consisted of "two almost identical photographs glued on a three-by-six-inch

Apostles went to Manti to Lay the corner stones of the Temple.

Saturday 12th Nephi and Jonnie went with their father fto work, each received 25 cts. housecleaning still in progress.

Sunday 13th arose before five; the dining rooms walls look beautifully white the men have done their work well. The carpet looks clean and bright; the ivy is growing fresh up the south window and along the east wall. the Mother of thousands²⁵ hangs the length of the window. The morn— sun is sending its golden rays over the vally. Stayed at home all day to read copied my Jornal from an old Book to a new one. addie went to meeting all day

Monday 14th continued housecleang The Corner Stones of The Manti Temple Laid²⁶

Tuesday 15th do— and worked in garden

Wensday 16th bought some flowers and worked in the garden

Thursday 7th called on Mrs Blizard according to promise. took her with me to bring Sister William to meeting as I had promised Mother William spoke in welsh and Mrs. Blizard interpreted had a pleasant time; helped her to talk welsh. Went up town called on my Sister, who was entertaining her daughter Mrs Eldredge and Miss Mary Dunster.

Friday 18th worked in the garden in the morning, in the yard and oute houses in the afternoon. Had a pleasant call from Mises Kimbal, Price, and Penrose. Attended The Comic Opera H.M. Ship The Pinnfore.” In company with my Husband and his other Wife had a splendid time.²⁷

Saturday 19th did housework in the morning Millinery work in the afternoon. Addie attended the (Pinafore Mattinaee) In the evening Mr Albert Uunger presented little Katie with a pretty ship or American Scooner) with her name on both sides in gold letters. the work of his own hands.

Sunday 20th read in the morning; continued my copying, the rain pouring down all afternoon Mr. Chamberlin was buried this a.m. Mr. Williams

mounting.” When viewed through the stereoscope, the two photographic “images fused, creating the seemingly magical illusion of a three-dimensional picture.” Schlereth, *Victorian America*, 196.

25. Mother of Thousands (*Kalanchoe daigremontiana*) is a flowering succulent plant that blooms in late winter. The pinkish-orange flowers hang down to form a chandelier and look best in an elevated container.

26. The cornerstones of the Manti, Utah, temple were laid on April 14, 1879. The temple was dedicated on May 21, 1888. It was the third temple to be completed in Utah. Lundwall, *Temples of the Most High*, 120–21.

27. A popular comic opera entitled *H.M.S. Pinafore; or, The Lass That Loved a Sailor*, written by William Gilbert and Arthur Sullivan. It tells of “a young lady who is pursued by the head of the English navy but who loves an ordinary tar. Her loyalty is rewarded when it is discovered that the sailor is really entitled to be a captain.” The first performance was in November 1878, and within months, “the Pinafore craze” spread throughout the United States. Bordman, *Oxford Companion*, 283.

called and spent the eve

Monday 21st raining hard yet. Recived a letter from my Brother, also a Book which I had lent him seven years ago and which was my Fathrs in my earley infancy, and which he gave me when he left the Territory fourteen years ago. ~~whos wash and~~ Also my Mothrs Phrenological Register. By Mr. William Bally. Washed and finished my copying the rain seased about noon. Addie attended Y.L.M.I.A.

Tuesday 22nd did housework in the morning repairing in the afternoon; wrote a letter to my frien Jennie Coslet; Miss Hailstone and Saulsburry called on Addie

Wensday 23rd fine weather continues Cut and made a pair of pantiloons, Miss Russell called with some millenary work for me to do

Thursday 24th worked on a waist. My Dear Effie and Baby came to se us. Also Miss Russell and Mr Albert Unger. Addie and Nephi attended the P.M.I.A.

Friday 25th did some Millenary work and attended to little Katie who is sick. Addie was very sick for a few hours at night.

Saturday 26th attended to Katie and finished two hats. Katie is better recived an invitation to visit Cousin Belinda Musser.

Sunday 27th tired from watching Katie stayed at home all day; read the account of the laying of the corner Stones of The Manti Temple. Also the Exponent which did me much good; the Children attended S.S. and Addie evening meting. Lu and Flora Musser called in person to invite us to visit them on wensday next. Katie still better

Monday 29th went up town allled at the Tea Wharehouse²⁸ chated with Br Marks. Went to The Tithing Office saw Mrs. Dale talked with Bp Hunter and Hardy and Br Godard also my brother R.V. Morris called on My Sister saw Bro Loveradg came home and worked up stairs.

Tuesday 30th did housework and went around the Block took Mrs Blizzard to accompany me part way; Came home and saw Mrs. Gobbart a lady who knew my brother when he lived in St Louis; little K much better rather pale and weak

Wensday 31st visited Sister Musser as per apointment; had an enjoyable time. Called for Effie carried my little grandson nearley all the way while Effie hlped little Katie along, left before the visit closed

May 1879

Thursday 1 little Katie not so well attended Fast Meeting a.m. Committee

28. The Tea Warehouse, located north of the Old Constitution building, was built by Morris & Evans. Owned by Arts D. Young and S. R. Marks, it was "a general grocery business, making a specialty, however, of the choicest qualities of tea." *Deseret Evening News*, March 19, 1879.

Meeting p.m. carried groceries to Grandma Williams. Addie attended P.A.

Friday 2nd did housework in the morning worked in the garden in the afternoon little Kate quite sick.

Saturday 3rd weary from watching little Kate. attended to things at home Bp Hardy sent a boy on horse back to ask me if I would take Mother Dale under my care. At night my Husband brought a sick young lady for me to take care of untill she recovers her ~~use~~ health. her name is Mary Gould she is acquainted with my Husband and he with her parents; she having emigrated from Wales alone last year. This day Councilor D.H. Wells is imprisoned in the Penitentiary because he would not betray the Covenants he had made in the Endowments House. The time of imprisonment is two days. The (fine) one hundred dollars²⁹

Sun 4th The R.R. is to be throne open for the Priesthood of all the Setelments North and South as far as the R.R. extends to excort Bro Wells

Sunday 4th Miss Gould almost well Feel weary from loseing my rest stayed home all day. George accompanied his father out of town to preach. Addie and Nephi attendd S.S. Addie attended eve Meeting Katie much better.

Monday 5th spent the day at (Fullers Hill) very peasantly with the Ward sat table with Sisters Bockholt and Edington [Louise Sarah Barton Eddington]; Addie Joned us in the afrnoon.

Tuesday 6th the great popular demonstration of love and respect after his being imprisoned for Keeping His covenants Brother Wells true to His God. Tis the greatest Day Utah ever saw.³⁰

Wensday 7th washed and did House work

Thursday 8th did house work. Miss Lulu Musser visited us

Friday 9th visited nine Blocks in behalf of the Silk association Had a pleasant

29. Daniel Hanmer Wells (1814–1891) was the former mayor of Salt Lake City and the second counselor to Brigham Young from 1856 to 1877. He was questioned as part of the John H. Miles polygamy case, in which the prosecution attempted to prove that Miles had more than one wife. Wells was suspected of having performed Miles's second marriage in the Endowment House but testified that he did not remember seeing Miles or his alleged second wife in the Endowment House on the day of the wedding. He was then asked about the endowment clothing worn at the wedding ceremony and refused to answer. The court held him in contempt of court for his refusal to describe the temple clothing and sentenced him to pay a fine of one hundred dollars and be imprisoned for two days. *Comp. History*, 5:543–46.

30. After D. H. Wells's two-day imprisonment for refusing to describe the particulars of LDS endowment clothing in court, a public demonstration was held to honor him. Church leaders from surrounding settlements came in by train for the occasion and, together with many citizens of Salt Lake City, formed a procession to meet Wells on his release from prison. According to a newspaper account, "ten thousand persons took part in the procession and fully fifteen thousand more were spectators." *Comp. History*, 5:546–50.

chat with Effi and Sister Ashton; and many others whom I visited.

Saturday 10th did some repairing in the morning attended 14th Ward meeting in the afternoon gave a written report of the Blocks I had visited to ascertain the number of mulbry Trees on the same. **Hundred**

Sunday 11th attended Tabernacle in the afternoon; was much anoyed with little Kate. Addie made a weding call on Mrs. M. [Mary Ann Ferguson Price] Griggs)

Monday 12th washed and went up town, my Neice Mrs. Aggie Ridges sent for my Daughter Addie. she went to see her and agreed to nurse her dureing her expetant sickness.

Tuesday 12th attended to housework, received a call from Mr. Albert Unger who presented us with som oranges

Wensday 14th arose between five and six the day is calm and bautiful; and it is my forty fourth birth day. I can look back on the past year and find I have overcome a few" failings; may God help me to gain more power over myself in future that I may be found worthy to be with him eventually About noon a party of my dear friends came to surprise me. My Sister Mrs. A.A. Pratt My Neices Mrs. A Ridges " Lona Eldredge " L. Russel " E. Russel Miss S. Russel Mrs. Musser Miss L. Musser Mrs. M. Nebecer Mrs. M. [Mary Elizabeth Russell] Gray Mrs. V. Pratt Mrs. L. [Anna Alida Dehaan] Bockholt, Mr. G. Nebeker, Bros Hall and [Dirk] Bockholt called as teachers. This day also a partial organisation was efected of (Zions Musiciul Accoation)³¹ was This day also a pertition was gotten up by Prest Taylor for the L.D.S. to sign asking Prest Hayes to pardon our esteemed Bro. George Renolds [Reynolds]³² After retireing Addie was taken very sick, was up and down with her all night.

31. Mary Lois seems to be referring to Zion's Musical Union, which was formed in 1879 when David Calder visited a rehearsal of the Union Glee Club, a small male chorus, and announced that the First Presidency "wished the group to become the core of a comprehensive musical society that would unite all Mormon musicians in a common bond." They consented and formed what became known as Zion's Musical Union. For its first production, the group performed Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Sorcerer*, which Mary Lois mentions seeing later in 1879. *Deseret Evening News*, April 24, 1880; Hicks, *Mormonism and Music*, 99–100.

32. George Reynolds (1842–1909), a polygamist and the private secretary of Brigham Young, was voluntarily tried in 1875 in order to test the constitutionality of the Anti-Bigamy Law of 1862. He was found guilty by the territorial court, but the decision was reversed by the Utah Supreme Court. He was again tried under a new indictment and found guilty by both the territorial court and the Utah Supreme Court. He was fined five hundred dollars and sentenced to two years of hard prison labor. The decision was upheld in 1879 by the United States Supreme Court in the decision of *Reynolds v. United States*, which concluded that polygamy was "defined as both conduct and a social evil" and therefore beyond the religious protections of the First Amendment. Gordon, *The Mormon Question*, 114–32; Firmage and Mangrum, *Zion in the Courts*, 151–56.

Thursday 15th did housework and milenary, Addie better but weak, attended P.A.

Friday 16th did milenary work.

Saturday 17th do. took some work in. Gustave Price is dead,

Sunday 18th attended to home affa in the morning Tabernacal in the afternoon, Ward meeting in the eve Bro J.F. Smith addressed us on the subject of Marrage most Solomnly

Monday 19th washed, worked on a hat and in the garden; and went up to my Sisters.

Tuesday 20th did millinary work; Addie attended Y.L.M.I.

Wensday 21st went up town and did some millinary work.

Thursday 22nd Effie visited us with Baby worked on some hats.

Friday 23rd went to see my Sister; worked on some hats while there. Called on Sister [Eliza Emma Harrison] Foster as I went; talked with Sister Kimbal about her, promised to watch with her that night as she was dying; did so in company with my friend Sister Mcalaster. Returnd home at five 30.

24th went to work and continued till 2.30 then went to the 16th Ward meeting much of the Spirit of God was poured out among the Sisters. Sister McClain and Sister Martha B.[Bowker] Young spoke in Tounses. went to Bp Hunters office interviewed Bp. Tardy and Bro. Goddard concerning Sster Dale. concluded to do the best I could for her, wether I was paid for it or not. Sster Foster still aliv

Sunday 25th Siter Foster still lives Attended Tabernacle in the afternoon little George and Nephi accompanied me. called on ~~on~~ Sister Macasaster, who made me acquainted with Sister Proctor. Sister Foster died at 2.30 o clock to day.

Monday 26th washed Sister Dales clothing and bedding.

Tuesday 27th attended Siter fosters Feurnal, Bp Hardy, Bro Goddard Job Smith and Bp Pollard addressed us Bp Hardy spoke excelently.

Wensday 28th did housework all day

Thursday 29th did milinary and housework, went up town; Effie and Baby came to see us.

Friday 30 did milinary work all day. called on my Sister the eve; found that Sister Phelps had arrived from her long visit to her Daughter Nellie in California. my Husband spent the day with Prest. a.m. Cannon at the point of the Mountain.³³

Saturday 31st worked on a hat and went up town

33. The Point of the Mountain is "a gigantic spit" that marks the boundary between the Salt Lake and Utah Valleys. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 299.

June 1879

Sunday 1st spent the day at home Addie attended S.S. Tabernacle and evening meitinss. The great S.S. excretion to the Yosamite are in town. News of the death of J.T.D. Mcalister [John Daniel Thomas McAllister], Prest of St. George Stake has arrived³⁴ Little George recited his piece at the S.S. exhibition in a pleasing manner.

Monday 2nd washed and did some errands. A Telegraphic dispatch states that Prest Mcalaster is alive and well

Tuesday 3rd did housework and visited my Block in company with Miss E Beers; saw Mrs. M.L. Culler whos feet were cut off by the engine of the U.C.R.R.³⁵ Bro Barlow's son arrived with a Minstrel Troup; they had not met for thirty two years, Called on Bro Griggs. paid two dollars as an offering to the new Tabernacle Fund³⁶

Wednesday 4th arose at four cleaned the dooryard and celler and sewed two hats

Thursday 5th attended fast Meeting sent offerings to the poor attended Committee Meeting carried comforts to the poor on my Block.

Friday 6th transacted business up town. Paid 1.00 to the Teachers who visited us as a donation to the Temple fund for May and June also paid 1.00 cash as tithing. Received a letter from my Brother. The Utah W.R.R. cars were blown over, and the Brakesman killed; none of the excurtio nists hurt.³⁷ a buatiful showr of rain is falling.

Saturday 7th still raining did some sewing and buisness up town

Sunday 8th fine but cold accompanied my Husband in takeing Aunty Hannah in the carrage to her Sister in the 20 Ward attended Tabernacle Meeting

Monday 9th arose before 4. washed and finished makeing a shirt. Effie sent me a beautiful red rose, which I know bespeaks the language of her heart.³⁸

34. This was a false alarm. John Daniel Thomas McAllister (1827–1910) did not die until January 1910.

35. The Utah Central Railroad (U.C.R.R.), the first railroad constructed and funded largely by the Latter-day Saints, ran from Ogden to Salt Lake City, a distance of thirty-seven miles. Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 270–75.

36. The first Salt Lake Tabernacle, known as the “Old Tabernacle,” was dedicated in 1852 and seated twenty-five hundred people. It was located on the southwest corner of Temple Square. It soon became inadequate and the “new” Tabernacle, which seated eight thousand, was built. The new Tabernacle had a dome roof and was 150 feet wide and 250 feet long. Completed in 1867, it still stands on Temple Square. EM, 1433.

37. According to a notice in the *Deseret Evening News*, “Three cars on the Utah Western train were blown off the track this afternoon, killing a brakesman named Newt. Crockett.” *Deseret Evening News*, June 6, 1879.

38. This sentence is typical of the sentimental language of the antebellum period. During this time, sensibility, the “responsiveness of a delicate heart to the slightest emotional stimulus,” was highly valued. This extreme sensitivity to emotions was strongly

Tuesday 10th engaged in sewing Aunt Nancy called to enquire about Aunt Hannah was very uneasy about her.

Wensday 11th made 33 sacks and a shirt. Called on my Sister it being her fiftieth birth-day. Willie Burton was also married this day to Miss Ella Crisman [Eloise Crismon]. Pease and prosperity be to them. Gronway Parry arrived from St Gorge. Soon after I had reached home from visiting my Sister; my Husband brought two young Laides, who had arrived in the imigrant Train of Saints from Europe. Miss Lizzie and Rachel Jenkins from the North of England

Thursday 12th sewed durement the day; in the evening attended a socaible in the Ward Hall, gotten up for the benefit of Elder Charles Bliss who has been called on a mission to the Southern States. Had a very plasant time an exelent spirit prevailed. chatted pleasantly with Sister Net Griggs.

Friday 13th spent the day in repairing, and secureing clothing from the Moth

Saturday 14th did housework and went up town.

Sunday 15th attended meeting in the Tabernacle; a fierce wind arose and broke the skylights causeing great exciment for a little while. Addie with others ~~oth~~ of the family accompanied her Father to a Conference held in Mill Creeke Ward. Sister Hayes made us a visit. Addie received a note of invitation from Prest Taylor to Join Z.M.A. [Zion's Musical Association]

Monday 16th in conection with Miss Lizzie Jenkins washed all day went shopping in the eve; Sister Charlotte [Hume] Clive died this evening. There appeared a statement in the Evening News that Prest Young's Children wish to put to thire own use property that rightfully belongs to the Church and accuse the Bretheren left in charge of squandering there means which is cruelly false and unjust.³⁹

associated with women. Scholar Karen Halttunen explains, "Woman was defined as a creature of the heart, who acted largely from her affections; man as a creature of the mind, who was moved primarily by his reason." Karen Halttunen, *Confidence Men and Painted Women: A Study of Middle-Class Culture in America, 1830–1870*, 57.

39. As a result of the 1862 antibigamy law that made it illegal for the LDS Church to own property worth more than \$50,000, Brigham Young and other church leaders put a large part of church property in their own names. Although Brigham Young was only holding this property for the church, after his death seven of his heirs sued in order to inherit a portion of the property claimed by the church. George Quayle Cannon (1827–1901) was the principle executor of Brigham Young's estate; and Brigham Young Jr. (1836–1903) and Albert Carrington (1813–1899) were the coexecutors. The executors were placed under \$300,000 bonds as a result of the case. When the judge attempted to put the executors under additional bonds, they refused and were held guilty of contempt. They were imprisoned for contempt on August 4, 1879, and remained in the penitentiary for about three weeks, when they were released by the chief justice of the territory. The suit was settled out of court by the church giving the heirs an additional \$75,000. *Deseret Evening News*, June 16, 1879; Allen and Leonard, *The Story of the Latter-day Saints*, 385.

Tuesday 17th did housework and Millinary work; my Husband Started for Park City

Wensday 18th did millinary work all day; Sister Clive was buried to day.

Thursday 19th did millinary work all day. Sister [Emma Creak] Brown and her Daughter Emma called.

Thursday Friday 20th do. Receved calls from Effie and Baby. Sister Ashton and roberts also Sister Hughes and Miss Evans.

Saturday 21st arose before five. cleaned garrets and celler and other things; attended Society Conference morning and afteroon had a very good time; ate lunch with my Sister and Sister Neal. Did some shopping called at Bp Hunters Office on buisness of the old folks Excurtion. My Husband returned from Park Cty

Sunday 22nd spent the day in reading Juvenile Instructor. Addie attended both meetings

Monday 23rd did millenary work all day. The grand Jenings and Eldredge Weding⁴⁰ came off; the grandest ever celebrated in U.T. the whole hous and gardens decorated and a Band stationed on the Lawn. Carrages coming and going till near midnight, the Birdal pair went to thier home on a special Car about 12 o clock

Tuesday 24th accompanied Siter Dale as nurse on the Old Folks Excurtion; reached home all safe.⁴¹

wensday 25th interviewed Bp. Hardy concerning Sister Dale; also called on my Sister. Went up town twice did some millinary work. My Husband left of for Park Cty.

Tursday 26th sent a note to Bp. Hardy asking him to remove Sster Dale Bro. Wilcox came to see Sister Dale he concluded not to take her under his care. Was employed in cutting a dress and doing millinary work and entertaing company.

Friday 27th did millinary work all day; thirty five years this day our beloved Prophet and Patrach were myrtred.⁴²

Saturday 28th did Millinary work all day, went up town at eve, saw Willie

40. The marriage of Jane Jennings (1856–1926) and James Alanson Eldredge (1857–1940) was undoubtedly a grand event because of the wealth and prominence of the bride's father, William Jennings (1823–1886), who was one of the leading merchants in Utah and was said to have been Utah's first millionaire.

41. On this day, an "Old Folks Excursion" took place, in which six hundred elderly people in Salt Lake County were taken on an excursion to American Fork, Utah. Four hundred and five of the participants were over seventy years old. The idea of a summer excursion for the elderly was originated by Charles Roscoe Savage and George Goddard in 1875 and became a popular annual event. Andrew Jenson, *Church Chronology: A Record of Important Events Pertaining to the History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 104 (hereinafter cited as *Chronology*).

42. The founding prophet and first president of the LDS church, Joseph Smith Jr., died on June 27, 1844, in Carthage jail, as a result of gun shots by a mob.

Burton for the first time since his return home from his mission and his Wife for the first time at all it made tears of Joy moisten my eyes as I greeted him.

Sunday 29th spent the morning and evening at home attended Tabernacle meeting in the afternoon. Bros. H.P. Richards returned missionary and Elder C.W. Penrose made very good remarks. My Husband is fifty five years old this day and he is in Park City. Mr. H.E. Giles and Miss Cathrine Evans were Married this day in the Endowment House by Apostle J.F. Smith at seven a.m.

Monday 30th washed all day visited the Block in the evening in company with Miss E. Beers whom I called for. Sister Dale was moved to day by Bro Alen [Allen] Hilton and young [Joseph William] McMurrin of the General Tithing Office. After visiting my Block I called on Sister McAlaster ~~which~~ Addie attended Z.M.A. Talked with Cousin Tom [Thomas Conway Morris] as they come home

July 1879

Tuesday 1st worked in the garden; made soap, put some hats in the bleach and irrigated at night Mr. H.E. Giles called on Addie and pressed her to visit them.

Wednesday 2nd my Husband's other Wife and youngest and oldest sons [Ernest Edwin Morris and Elias Parry Morris] started for Park City this a.m. I engaged in millinery work all day. Addie paid her wedding call to her friend and companion Mrs. H.E. Giles; accompanied by her Sister Effie and Brother-in-law Mr. E.T. Ashton. Sister ~~Rose~~ [Anatta C.] Rhodes asked permission to occupy the room vacated by Sister Dale; granted.

Thursday 3rd attended fast meeting a.m. Committee meeting p.m. called at Sister Kings with others after meeting; rode up town with Bro Jessee West. Transacted business, retired about nine o'clock

Friday 4th arose at five did some sewing a.m. at noon my Sister and our friend Sister Loverag called and ate dinner with us; spent the rest of the afternoon in reading Addie went to see Effie and Rachel went to Fillers Hill.

Saturday 5th attended quarterley Con— a.m. and p.m. the Brethren spoke well. Chatted with Sister Pishop dined with my Sister transacted some business up town

Sunday 6th attended Conference at ten a.m. took George and Nephi with me Bro. J. Morgan and T.B. Lewis spoke excellently. Stayed at home during p.m. and evening Addie being called away to her Cousin Mrs Ridges

Monday 7th arose at four, washed all day superintended irrigating the lot.

Tuesday 8th arose at four 30 o'clock ironed and did some repairing the children went up to see Addie

Wensday 9th arose at four worked in the garden till seven did millinary work all day; went up town in the eve called on Addie

Thursday 10th arose at four; did Millinary work all day worked in the garden in the eve

Friday 11th arose at four, did some cutting and sewing. Sister **Rose** Rhodes brought her furniture to day. little Naomi [King] Pierpont died at one 30 oclock.

Saturday 12th attended to housework and busness up town. Prest Taylor Apostles George Q Cannon Albert Carington and Brigham Young [Jr.] were arrested by [blank] under a wicked and fals pretence

Sunday 13th attended the furnal of little Naomi Pierpont; the speakers were Bp. Taylor and George [Gwilym] Bywater the singing was most select.

Monday 14th washed all day and helped Nephi to irrigat. Effie and baby and Lizzie Ashton called Ed and Effie and Baby had sat for thir pictures it being Edward Birthday

Tuesday 15th did the ironing.

Wensday 16th did housework and cooking.

Thursday 17th Effie and Baby. Kate Nephi George and I and Fancy accompanied their Father 14 miles on his way to Park City. The scenery throug Parley's Canyon was grand and and the stream of water continues⁴³ we camped for noon under some oak brush. ate a preasant lunchon whil sitting there Fancy found a a gold chain to all appearence soon after Nephi found a beautiful Watch belonging to it. we arrived at home all safe about five p.m.

Friday 18th attended to home affairs and did some cutting. Addie and Clarebell called

Saturday 19th did housework all day and some millinary work

Sunday 20th stayed at home all day to take care of the Children addie and florance called in the eve.

Monday 21st washed and irrigated the garden. This day Joseph Standing was shot and killed by a masked Mob of ten or twelve men headed or instagated by so called Christian Minsters of the Gospel; he was a young Elder bearing an excellent name and unblemished Character⁴⁴

43. Parley's Canyon extends from southeast Salt Lake City to a meadow named Parley's Park at the mountain's summit. Canyon Creek, or Parley's Creek, is a mountain stream that flows through Parley's Canyon in a southeast direction, emerging into the Salt Lake Valley. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 288.

44. In July 1879, Joseph Standing (1854–1879), an LDS missionary proselyting in the state of Georgia, was shot by a mob of hostile men. Standing had gone with fellow missionary Rudger Clawson to Varnells Station. On July 21, 1879, while walking along the public road, the two missionaries were suddenly surprised by an armed mob of twelve men. When Standing made some resistance, he was shot and mortally wounded. Clawson survived and brought Standing's body back to Salt Lake City. Standing's funeral was

Tuesday 22nd attended to household duties includeing ironing. My Husband arrived from Park city. Nephi come in from play quite feverish and weak he was too weary to be doctored. I adminstered some holy oil to him in the name of Jesus which which the Lord saw fit to bless to his recovery.

Wensday 23rd attended to Nephi did housework and some millinary.

Thursday 24th stayed at home all day in the eve accompanied my Husband and family to Lake Shore with a bathing party little Kate and Addie went too.⁴⁵

Friday 25th mad a dress for Kate; took her and George and Nephi to see the Pinafore which was very finely executed the house was crowded to excess

Saturday 26th attended to home affairs, notified Addie that she would go with her Father to the Park to cook for his workmen.

Sunday 27th spent the day at home Kate bing to little to take to meeting; in the evening Addie left her Cousin Aggie to accompany her Father out to the Park to cook for his men.

Monday 28th attended to domestic duties; Addie began her preperations for her Journey. Called to see Mr. Hiskey in company with Sister Parker whom they say is dieing but we foud better.

Tuesday 29th took charge of house-work; Addie continued her preperations; Effie and Baby called we had a pleasant meal together. In the eve Addie was taken very ill of a bilious attac;⁴⁶ we called in the Elders who administered the ordinance of the House of God to her and promised that she should recover and go on her Jorney next morning.

Wensday 30th arose about four helped to get Addie off though she was very feibel haveing been very ill all night. After she had gone went to rest, then did some washing.

Thursday 31st finished washing and attended to household affairs. In the eve went to the depo to meet the remains of Elder Standing; which was met by a Committee and convayed to the Sextons office to await

held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on August 3, 1879, and was attended by about ten thousand people. AJ, 3:719–21.

45. Lake Shore was a small agricultural community on the eastern shore of Utah Lake. It was first settled about 1860. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 221.

46. During the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries, biliousness was generally associated with bad digestion, stomach pains, constipation, and flatulence. This condition was believed to be caused by “high living,” and the cure was thought to be moderation and frequent visits to the doctor. The 1888 *Salt Lake Sanitarian* recommended treating biliousness with a “plain diet, of bread, milk, oatmeal, vegetables, and fruits, with lean meat or fresh fish in moderation, and abstinence from alcoholic stimulants” and by exercising regularly. M. Bard Shipp, Ellis Reynolds Shipp, and Maggie C. Shipp, eds., “The Treatment of Biliousness,” 89–90.

interment. They say our beloved Prest Taylor and his brethren George Q Abert [Albert] Carrington and Brigham Young are to be imprisoned to morrow at ten o'clock if they do not deliver over to our enemies⁴⁷ Church property; which makes us feel very sad.

August 1879

Friday 1st was very busy about the house still feeling very sad about Bro Taylor the case postponed till tomorrow at ten

Saturday 2nd did housework ~~and some millinery~~ Nephi started for Park City with Jonnie)

Sunday 3rd attended the funeral of Elder Standing which was very imposing Prest Taylor spoke Gloriously God bless him

Monday 4th worked in the garden, two Laides called and took Sister [Mary] Rowe away to nurse her and give her rest. Bros G.Q. Cannon Carrington and B. Young were taken to the Penitentiary because they would not give up Church property to our enemies

Tuesday 5th washed; recived a letter from Addie.

Wensday 6th ironed, recived a call from Effie and Baby; Effie gave me an excelent Pothr of herself and Husband

Thursday 7th attended Fast meeting did some millinary work.

Friday 8th did millinary work and housework recived a call from and had a satisfactory chat with Aunty Hannah. Wrote a letter to Addie

Saturday 9th did some millinary and housework; received a very peasant letter from my Husband.

Sunday 10th spent the day at home; wrote to my Husband called on Effie in the eve. Saw Bro Nephi Pratt.

Monday 11th Worked in the garden and did some sewing; recived a call from Albert Unger also from Sister Rowe.

Tuesday 12th washed did some cutting out and went up town; the Union Glee Club go out to the Penitentiary to seranade Apostle George Q. Cannon

Wensday 13th worked in the Kitchen in the morning; cleaned six rooms in the afternoon Aunt Eliza and Baby called; my Husband's other family expect to start for the Park in the morning

Thursday 14th feel very tired and half sick from over exertion yesterday the folks started this morning for the Park. did housework and sewing

47. Mary Lois seems to be defining enemies as the governmental and judicial officials associated with this case. The status of Utah as a territory, which made it subject to federal law in many areas, allowed non-Mormons to take control of the governorship and federal courts in Utah despite their fewer numbers. As evidenced by Mary Lois's comment, anger often characterized the relationship between the Mormon majority and federal officials during this period.

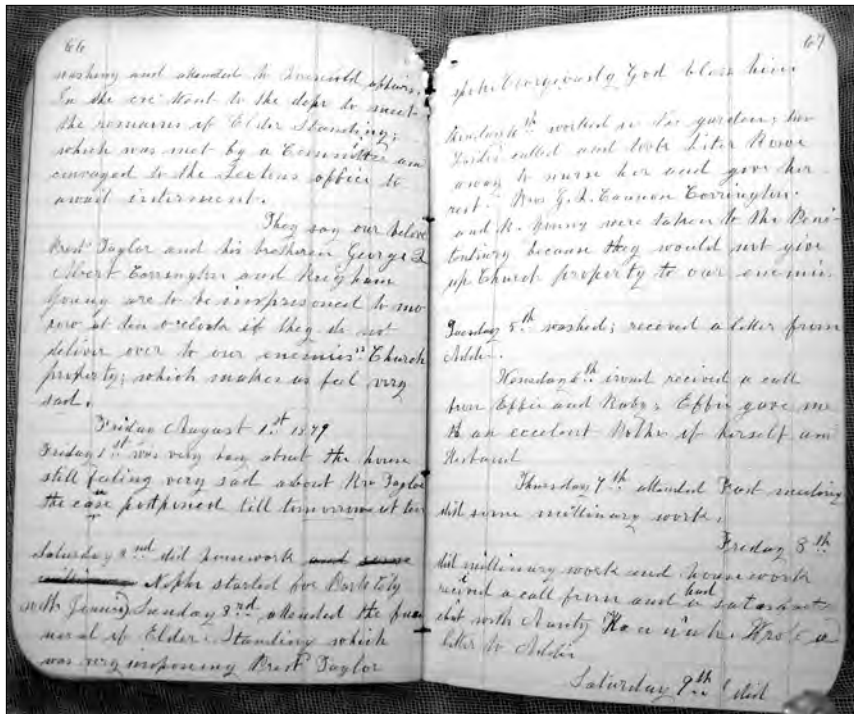


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*Mary Lois's diary entries from August 1879 describing the arrest
of LDS leaders in an 1879 court case regarding the estate
of Brigham Young.*

Effie and Baby called

Saturday Friday 15th did housework ironing and sewing

Saturday 16th did a good deal of cleaning in the morning ~~did water~~ and wrote to Addie and did sewing in the afternoon.

Sunday 17th had a good time at the Tabernacle; in the afternoon Effie and Baby spent the eve with us Aunt Hannah and Edward called.

Monday 18th washed and did some sewing The Executors of the B.Y. Will Command the Court to acknowledge their errors in prosecuting innocent men.

Tuesday 19th did housework and a good deal of writing had a long chat with Winnie [Winifred Jane Morris Tibbs].

Wednesday 20th did housework and ironing went up town. My little son Nephi returned from the Park in good health. Wrote to Addie

Thursday 21st did housework and sewing and went up town

Friday 22nd did housework and sewing Mr. Mcenze called.

Saturday 23rd did housework and sewing and attended to business up

town. received a letter from Addie

Sunday 24th attended Tabernacle took little George. Aunty Hannah, Effie, and Baby and Eward called Effie not well

Monday 25th washed; in the eve my Husband and his other Wife came from the Park all unexpeted. Apostles Cannon Carrington and Young set free⁴⁸

Tuesday 26th did ironing and attended to general work. Bro G Goddard was falsely imprsoned⁴⁹

Wensday 27 worked hard all day up stairs and down; the wind and dust are blowing fearfully; there is a huge fire in the Mountains at the mouth of Parleys Canyon, increasing every moment. at midnight the thunder began to Roar; and the lightening flash the rain came down in angry splashes then blew off again there has been very little rain scince the 11th of June last.

Thursday 28 morning clear and cool and breezey attended to the general routene, made twelve sacks did some cutting out and other sewing, my Husba left home for Park City

Friday 29 arose before five morning calm and beatiful did house work and sewing. Siter Rowe called and said that her son had run away from his empyer. Wrote to Addie in the eve.

Saturday 30th did housework put down fruit and some sewing.

Sunday 31st attended Tabernacle meeting the speakers were J. W. [James Willard] Cummings J.F. Smith. My Nephew and Wife Wm C. and Diantha Morris called also Effie and Baby & Aunt Sarah & lizzy Ashton baby quite sick teething

September 1879

September 1st arose before six washed and went up town bought ten B

Tuesday 2nd did house work ironing and made twelve sacks. Wether beautiful arose at 5 20 Sister Unger called said her daughter Lydia [Unger] was prepareing for marrage. Nephi not well.

Wensday 3rd arose about five did housework and caned fruit. Miss E. Beers called. Received a letter from Addie. Effie, Baby and Aunt Sarah Ashton

48. The prisoners were actually released on August 28, when the Supreme Court of Utah reversed Judge Boreham's order imprisoning George Q. Cannon, Brigham Young, and Albert Carrington for contempt of court. *Chronology*, 104.

49. George Goddard (1815–1899) was one of the defendants in the case brought against the LDS church by the dissatisfied heirs of Brigham Young. He refused to hand over the possession of a house and grounds that had been part of the Brigham Young estate to the U.S. marshal, who desired to rent the property to E. H. Murphy, a liquor dealer. As a result, Goddard, a “staunch temperance” advocate, was arrested and imprisoned on August 25, 1879. Soon after, the marshal secured possession of the house and grounds in dispute, and the case against Goddard was dismissed. At this time, Goddard was the clerk to Presiding Bishop Edward Hunter and the assistant general superintendent of the LDS Sunday schools. Whitney, *History of Utah*, 3:85–86.

spent the eve with us; Nephi not so well

Thursday 4th did house work and sewing Nephi better arose at five

Friday 5th arose before five, morning fine went out to Lake Shore with the day and S.S. had a plasant time; took Nephi George and Kate and Siter Rowe.

Saturday 6th arose about five W. fine did some millinary work and housework, wrote to Addie called on Effie. Sister Rhodes very sick was called to adminster to her in connexion with S. Mcalister retired about one oclok

Sunday 7th arose about six W. sultry attended to many things stayed at home to rest attended Ward meeting in the eve Apostle J.F. Smith spoak on Church History Sister Rhodes better

Monday 8th washed; Albert Unger Called. My Husband arrived from Park City and all the Children

~~*Tuesday 9th* went up town, did house work and~~ *Tuesday 9th* arose at five morning calm and sultry, did some preserveing; cleaned five rooms and a great deal of other work. With Nephi's help moved four hundred pounds of W. retired at 10.

Wensday 10th arose about five W. fine. Went up town did housework preserveing and ironing in the eve. Effie and Eward Baby and Aunt Sarah Ashton called; brought some grapes and letter for Addie. Wrote to Addie after they had gone retired about eleven.

Thursday 12th arose at five to five W. fine Packed up things for Addie, did housework, ironing preserveing bathed the children and made thirty two sacks my Husband left for Park City

Friday 12th arose at five 20 W. fine did housework and sewing. feel opressed but trust in God for deliverence in his own way he knows what is for the best I do not. Retired at nine 30.

Saturday 13th arose at five 40 W. fine. Cleaned two rooms and eight windows a good deal of other work and went up town

Sunday 14th attendd Tabernacle meeting the speakers were Rudger [Judd] Clawson and G.Q. Cnnon. Effie, Ed and Baby called in the eve recived a letter from Addie

Monday 15th arose before five W. fine, did the weeks washing and attended to household affairs.

Tuesday 16th did cleaning and ironing. arose at five 20 oclock wrote to my Brother and my Daughter Addie at night retired after midnight.

Wensday 17th arose at five 35 oclock W. fine. did housework, canned fruit and some repairing. Bro King and P. Prise called as teachers paid them 1.50. cash as donation for July, August and september. Fancy taken very ill this eve but better now. retired at ten.

Thursday 18th arose at five wether hazy attended to housework and sewing and buisness up town. Fancy better

Thursday 19th Morning fresh and fine. arose at six attended to home afars house work repairing and sew other sewing.

Saturday 20th arose at five 15 morn fine did housework and swing and went up town

Sunday 21st arose at six forty five Nephi and George attended S.S. took George with me to Tabernacle Apostle Orson Pratt delivered an address long to be remembered

Monday 22nd W. fine, arose at five 15. did the weeks washing and household rotene. Fifty two years ago to day the Prophet Joseph Smith received the ancient Record from the hands of the Angel Moroni from which he Joseph translated the Book of Mormon by the aid of the ureum and thumum.⁵⁰

Tuesday 23rd W. fine arose about six spent the day mostly in cleaning; about three oclock My Husband and my dear Daughter Addie arrived with her sister Nellie and Bro Elias from Park City all looking well which made our hearts glad.

Wensday 24th arose about six W. fine attended to home affairs Effie and Baby called to see us, Pa distributed the things they brought with them from the Park.

Thursday 25th arose about six W. fine. spent the day in striping trees, and canning fruit;

Friday 26th arose at five 30 W. still fine, did Housework and sewing addie attended T.R.S. [Retrenchment Society] at the 14th Ward assembly room. She and I went up town after she came home.

Saturday 27th spent the day in sewing and went up town.

Sunday 28th attended Tabernacle meeting the seakers were [*illegible letter*]. P. Pratt C.C. [Charles Coulson] Rich a.m. Cannon.

Monday 29 weather cold. spent the day in sewing.

Tuesday 30th spent the day in washing weather still chilley.

October 1879

Wensday 1st did housework and went around the Block.

Thursday 2nd did housework in the morning attended Committe Meeting p.m. went up town. Took comforts to the poor. Bro and Sister Streets of Parleys Park came to see us with their children and Mother spent the afternoon with us. Nephi is nine years old to day he was baptized a year ago to day as fast day came on the third last year.

Friday 3rd arose about six W. still fine very warm dureing the day. Sister Bowden of Brigham City and her daughter called on us and brought some candy for the Children. Effie and Baby also called in the eve at

50. Joseph Smith recorded that he obtained the golden plates and Urim and Thummim on September 22, 1827. Joseph Smith, *History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 1:18 (hereinafter cited as *History of Church*).

noon I recived a letter from my Brother. my Husband asked me concerning Sister Rowe's welfare.

Saturday 6th arose about six W. F.[ine] did housework, attended the Fair in the afternoon. Bought ~~some~~ a chest of beautiful tools for Nephi with money the Gentleman gave him who claimed the watch which Nephi found in Parleys canyon.

Sunday 5th attended Stake Con. all day, Prest Cannon spoke in the morn, Apostles C.C. Rich and G.Q. Cannon in the afternoon. Clouds of dust blowing all day a slight shower as we came out of meeting p.m. the wind continued all night

Monday 6th W. cloudy and cool wind still Blowing. attended General Con in the morning Apostles O. Pratt and L. [Lorenzo] Snow addressed the Con it was good to be there. in the afternoon attended the funeral of the Baby of Sister Clar Loveridge. From there went to see my Sister who is quite sick; as I neared home was called by Bro S. [Samuel Lorenzo] Adams of St George to stop in and see his wife whome I had not met for more than twenty years. On reaching home fond Lizzie [Elizabeth] Ann Morris Sister to Isaac Morris whom I had not seen scince she was an infant but is now grown. Wind blowing freriously as we retire at Midnight.

Tuesday 7th arose about seven wind seased. W. cloudy and cold. attended to home affairs; Addie attended Con. the Speakers were Apostle J.F. Smith and Joseph Young prest of Seventies p.m. Prest Taylor addressed the Con—Mrs. Fout stayed over night

Wednesday 8th attended Con— a.m. adjorned at twelve m. Ernest I. [Irving] Young died to day, went up town this p.m. in the eve my Sister came to visit us; Effie and Edward called had a pleasant time. Raining in good ernest

Thursday 9th W. cold and wet attended to home affairs; Siter Boden and Daughter alled, also Bro Geo Hiner and little Daughter and lunched with us, Lizze Morris went home.

Thursday Fri 10th W. still cold did housework; Bro Elderidge called; my Sister still with us haveing a pleasant visit.

Saturday 11th arose about six W. cloudy, made 33 sacks and went up town, and did some knitting. my Sister returned home. Phinas [Phineas] H. Young died to day. also David Lewis [*illegible word*]

Sunday 12th spent the day at home Addie attending three meetings Phinas H. Young is buried to day

Monday 13th W. fine air balmey, arose at five 30 did the weeks wash and other work Aunty Hannah called to see us my husband not well.

Tuesday 14th arose about six W. fine sunshine and cloud; did housework and repairing. Terable wind dureing the night.

Wensday 15th arose about six. W. cold and wet; visited my Daughter Effie and Sister Ashton found Effie and Baby improveing. returned home at

five sun set bright.

Thursday 16th arose at six. W. fine. Joined in a surprise to Aunt Nancy Morris; we took pick nick and clothing and worked all day, my Husband dined and ate supper with us. The party consisted of Diantha Morris, Sister Balser, Sister De-grey Sister Owen Roberts, Sister Atty, Miss M. Hailstone, Mrs. Worthen Mrs. E.W. Ashton Miss Addie Morris M.L. Morris Elias Morris Aunty Hannah Morris and Cousin Tom and a host of little cousins. Aunt Nancy was presented with a dress a Balmoral four aprons 11 yds of factory two dresses of Annie some some fanel for Eli and Jeanes and \$5.00 in cash. The affair was gotten up by Aunty Hannah and responded to cheerfully by all who took part in it; we spent a pleasant day and all felt well in haveing helped the Widow and Fatherless.

Friday 17th arose at five 40 W. fine assisted in makeing a dress for Addie.

Saturday 18th arose at five 5. W. fine and frosty. At seven my Husband and his son Elias boarded the Southern Train for Tintic."⁵¹ Spent the day in dressmakeing.

Sunday 19th arose at six W. fine attended Tabernacle Meeting, Apostle Orson Pratt gave an excellent discourse; from there called on Aunt Hattie [Harriet Cecelia Jones] Morris found her Baby failing, from there went to Lavinia Morris found her son Orvin very low of a fever from ther called on Effie fond she had gone to Ward Meeting. Went home and there to Ward M. which was addressed by Bro. C.W. Penrose in an exelent manner

Monday 20th arose at five W. fine left home at eleven, called on Mrs. E. [Emma Marilla Empey] Clark and Miss S.E. Russell spent the afternoon in transacting busness up town; Addie and Kate attended P.A. Addie attended Z.M.A. [Zion's Musical Association] in the eve.

Tuesday 21st arose at five washed sewed and did oht other work Addie attended Y.L.M.I.

Wensday 22nd arose at five 35 W fine spent the day in sewing; Addie visited little Orvin found him some bett

Thursday 23rd arose at five 30 W still beautiful. visited Mother Williams took some niceites spent the afternoon in sewing Effie and Baby called. Addie attends a party this eve for the benefit of Gronway Parry who is going on a

51. The Tintic Mining District, located about seventy-five miles south of Salt Lake City in Juab County, Utah, contained silver, gold, lead, and copper ore. Founded in 1869, the Tintic Mining District "became the leading mining center in the state with its output of \$5,000,000 by 1899." Mining in this area led to the development of many boom towns, including Eureka, Mammoth, and Silver City. Elias Morris was involved in building the infrastructure of the Tintic Mammoth mines. Don Maguire, *Outline History of Utah's Great Mining Districts: Their Past, Present and Future as Producers of the Precious Metals* 13, 17; Philip F. Notarianni, *Faith, Hope, and Prosperity: The Tintic Mining District*, 3, 13; Ege, *Selected Mining Districts of Utah*, 16–17.

mission My Husband's other Wife gave birth to a little daughter [Josephine Edna Morris] to day about two (2) am oclock, both doing well.

Friday 24th arose about seven W. fine spent the ~~afternoon~~ morning in sewing in the afternoon attended the Ward school review was much pleased with the efforts of the children⁵² Bro's Griggs and Moyle made excelent remarks. called on Effie and Sister Ashton also Sister's Beussell.

Saturday 25th arose at five 30 W. fine spent the day in sewing; went to see the seven Wonders of the World in the eve.

Sunday 26th arose about six Wether still beautiful attended Tabernacle accompanied by Little Nephi and George. The audence was delighted and instructed by a disours from Apostle Orson Pratt. This day Gronway Parry started on a mission to the Southern States, thence to Europe in the spring. Aunt Hannah Aunt Eliza and Uncle Hugh called; I also had the peasure of entertaing one of of our old friends J.L. Jones of Cedar City who is called on a Mission to Europe.

Monday 27th arose at five W. still delightful. began house cleaning; Cousin Lizzie Morris of Weber called.

Tuesday 28th arose at five 30 W. fine continued house cleaning Elder J.L. Jones left us this morning for Europe and left his blessing with us which we felt as he bade us good bye, and and dureing the day.

Wensday 29th arose at three 20 read till six continued H. Clg [House Cleaning]

Thursday 30th arose at five 30 W. fine received a visit from my Neice Mrs. A. Ridges and my Neice Mrs. Eva [Evelyn Pratt] Woods of Malad whome we had not met for more than three years They and their Children and Effie and Babe spent a very plasant time with us. This day a death ocured in our Family in the person of a little son of Bro R.V. and Lavinia Morris.

Friday 31st arose at six 30 W. lovely, Attended the funeral of my little Nephew Frank Conway [Morris]. Son of R.V. and Lavinia Morris from thence went to spend the afternoon with Effie in connexition with my neice Mrs. Eva Woods and children and my Daughter Addie. Kate George and Nephi had a pleasant time.

52. Mary Lois's children primarily attended the Fifteenth District school, which was composed of LDS children from the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. The school was located in classrooms on First South, between Third and Fourth West, about a block from Mary Lois's house. Children of other faiths in the neighborhood generally went to the Presbyterian School on Fourth West between First and Second South. The Salt Lake City ward schools were financed through a combination of property taxes and private tuition. Generally having only one teacher each, the ward schools often "taught Mormon doctrine in addition to secular subjects" (Alexander and Allen, 111). See Barracrough, *15th Ward Memories*, 10; Alexander and Allen, *Mormons and Gentiles*, 111–13.

November 1879

Saturday 1st arose about six W. fine; did some sewing in the morning and afternoon went up town in the eve Aunt Hannah called.

Sunday 2nd arose at six. W fine. Addie Nephi ~~and~~ & George attended S.S. a.m. We all attended Tabernacle Meeting p.m. From their we called on Cousin Lin Musser to see her ver her lovely Baby. Bro Geo [George] Teasdale delivered an excelent discourse at the Tabernacle.

Monday 3rd arose at five W. fine washed a great deal of beding & some carpet and wool; went up Town p.m. did housework besides

Tuesday 4th arose at six 15 W. still fine; did sewing and housework; Addie received her first lesson in Music

Wensday 5th arose at four 20 read from 5 till six, spent the day in sewing and housework. At 4 p.m. visited my Block with Miss Beers. The last company of Emigrants arrived Elder T.F. Howells of our Ward came with them.

Thursday 6th arose about six Wether cold and cloudy attended Fast Meeting a.m. Bro T.F. Howells who returned from a European Mission spoak & Bro Giles sang (Prais to the Man) by inspireation.⁵³ Attended Committee Meeting p.m. called on Aunt Hattie in company with Aunt Hannah found Baby some better. Took comforts to Mother Williams on my Block.

Friday 7th arose at five 30 W. cloudy comenced snowing at six 30. spent the day in fiting up window blinds putting boxes in order and other work; Miss Lizzie Jenkins called spent a pleasant evening reading and talking to the Children.

Saturday 8th arose about six W. coudy and cold snowed some spent the a.m. in doing house work attended 14th Ward Meeting. Bro Evans spoke of the touching note I had sent him. Chatted with Bro [Thomas] Tuckfield. In the eve my Husband returnd from Tintic bringing with him our old friend Bro John Mcfarlan formerly of Cedar City; now of St George. chatted with him till midnight

Sunday 9th arose before six W. still cloudy and cold, my friend started for the North—Nephi & George attended S.S. p.m. they and I attended Tabernacle Meeting p.m. the speakers were Elders Jos Ball Sen. Wm V. Williams. T.F. Howells. Walter J. [Joseph] Lewis and Joseph H. Parry. I never heard more powerfull testimony or ~~more~~ better speaking than from these young Missionarys. Addie and Nephi attended eveing Meeting

53. The hymn "Praise to the Man" was written by William W. Phelps (1792–1872) to honor LDS prophet Joseph Smith. The hymn's chorus commemorates Smith's martyrdom in Carthage Jail on June 27, 1844. Cracroft and Lambert, *A Believing People: Literature of the Latter-day Saints*, 256–57.

Aunt Hattie and Uncle Richard called in the afternoon.

Monday 10th arose at six W. cloudy and cold washed all day sewed in the eve. Aunt Eliza & Uncle Hugh called also Misses Ashton and Powell. Sister Bird in the morning to say Thatt she wished addie to come and an apren-tice to her in the dress making business.

Tuesday 11th arose at six W. windy and Mild. did some sewing then went to help wash and anoint a sick person. came home and did a large ironing

Wensday 12th arose at six. snow on the ground did housework and sewing

Thursday 13th arose at five W. clear and frosty; did housework and mil-linary work

Friday 14th arose at 4 before six did housework and millinary work. Addie attended a Missionary reception in the 16th Ward in company with her Father and Nellie

Saturday 15th arose at five forty five W. cold and cloudy; did house-work and millinary work attended the annual Grain Meeting held in the Council House. Attended to other buisness in town. Nephi and Kate not well Nephi troublesom durement the night. snow on the ground.

Sunday 16th after a wearisome night arose at seven Kate and Nephi better spent the day at home. Effie & Edward ate supper with us. C. Beers called in the eve. Mr. John Mackenzs visited my Husband

Monday 17th arose at five W. very cold did the weeks wash and housework. Effie called. Addie attended Z.M.A.

Tuesday 18th arose at five fifty W. sill very cold; did housework some sewing and ironing. My Husband left for Spanish Fork Canyon. to be gone some weeks. felt disconted all day suppose all trials are for our good, but we cannot allways view it so.

Wensday 19th arose before six W. cold and clear; did housework and ironing Sister Renolds called

Thursday 20th arose before six W. cold & chi did housework and repairing.

Friday 21st arose at six ten W. still cold and fine did housework and mil-linary work.

Second day book of Mary L. Morris
From November 22nd 1879 to January 24th 1881

In the latter part of this book are written some intresting facts about Governor Eli H. Murry

November 1879

Saturday 22 arose at six 30. W. cold and cloudy. did housework and mil-linary work; Addie attended Z.M. Society

Sunday 23rd arose at six W. cold and foggy. Read till seven. At noon heard of the death of Mrs. Elizabeth Sansom who made her home with us three years ago; her complaint was lung fever she died this a.m. at five 15.

Monday 24th arose at four W. cold and foggy; Did the weeks washing; at ten forty five went to the funeral of Sister Sansom waited three hours for the coffin; assisted to put her in it; my friend Brother Loveridge brought it; had a little chat with him felt that he would be blessed for the course he had taken and the trials he had passed through. The speakers were Elders Walter Lewis and F.F. Howels they spoke in a very pleasing manner. Went up town in the eve transacted considerable business in a very satisfactory manner. Julia Clark Taylor also buried her lovely Baby to day. Addie attended Z.M.S.

Tuesday 25th arose at six 30 W. very cold and cloudy; felt weary from the prievious days luboo did a great deal of housework and ironing my Sister and little son called. My Husband and his Son Elias arrived home from Tintic.

Wensday 26th arose at five forty did sewing and housework and went up town. retired very late.

Thursday 27th arose at seven did housework and sewing David Williams called on my Husband. Addie and George attended the P A. Party. Addie attended one last night with Cousin Tom and Miss Hailstone. Bro King called as teacher paid him 1.00 as second donation to the New Tabernacle. also fifty cents as monthly donation to the Temple.

Friday 28th arose at six 30 W. once more clear, sewed most of the day. My Husband and his son Elias started for Park City earley this morning.

Saturday 29th arose at six 50 W. cloudy and mild. did cleaning all day, Addie attended Z.M.S.

Sunday 30th arose at seven W. very mild spent the day at home Addie went to meeting three times. wrote to J.P.

December 1879

Monday December 1st 79 arose at six W. wet. did the weeks washing and housework.

Tuesday 2nd arose at 5.45 W. cloudy and mild; attended to general housework.

Wensday 3rd arose at 5:45 W. wet. did housework ironing and went around the Block. also called on Ole Chamberlain who has both little legs broken; also called on Sister Conrad and my Daughter Effie found Baby better. Called on Aunty Hannah had a pleasant chat with her.

Thursday 4th arose before seven attended Fast meeting the funeral of Sister Willsons Baby convened at the same time. From there went up town

and attended to buisness in the Ward. Did some cutting out and house work. To day at 20 minutes to one Elder William Claton [Clayton] died while cuting his dinner; haveing been ill of dropsy for several months.

Friday 5th arose at seven still raining spent most of the day in cleaning made a shirt in the eve all but the fastenings raining all day.

Saturday 6th arose at seven W. very mild and clear spent most of the day in cleaning did some swing Addie attended Z.M.S. S:

Sunday 7th arose at seven snow on the ground. Attended Brother Claytons funeral at 10 a.m. in the 17th Ward Hall, which was very crowded. Apostle J.F. Smith read a very intresting account which Bro. Clayton had written of his writeing the Revelation on Celestial Marriage from the Lips of the Prophet Joseph and the circumstances connected with it. Then followed in a verry grand discourse. Then Elder Elias Smith. Prest. D.H. Wells and lastly Prest Taylor. On my way home had a pleasant chat with Sister Tingy. after reaching home heard of the death of little **Annie** Lizzie [Elizabeth Ellen] Parry of our Ward. who was a member of the P.A. attended Ward meeting p.m. therr met with my old friend Sister Annie Bowring who was in sore trouble over the death of her Mother. The speakers were P. Price, S. [Sylvester] Reeves, R.H. Smith H. E. Giles Dan Thomas and Bp. Polla[rd]. After returning home; called on Bro. Griggs family. also called on Effie for a few moments. Addie attended eve meeting also S.S. with Nephi & George Q. Bro Willard [Cushing] Burton alled on us.

Monday 8th arose at 5.5 did the weeks wash and the housework. W. cold and snowing.

Brother Edward Parry father of little Annie [Elizabeth Parry] who died yesterday died to day while his Wife was gone to bury their little Daughter poor poor Sister [Ellen Roberts] Parry how will she stand it.⁵⁴

Tuesday 9th arose at seven after a disturbed night snow on the ground, the deepest yet, did the general housework and the weeks ironing recived a letter from my Husband and answered it. Little Kate quite sick this eve Bro Parry buried to day.

Wensday 10th arose about seven, still snowing. did housework and cut out a suit for little Kate who was healed by the blessing of God on my imperfect administation for which I feel to bless his Holy Name.

Thursday 11th arose at five 30 W. very cold attended to home affairs. put up a sack full of clothing for the Indians took it to Society Hall and after repareing its contence saw it packed for the Indians⁵⁵ took little Kate with

54. Edward Parry (1840–1879) and Ellen Roberts (1839–?) married about 1859. Ellen Roberts's situation was similar to that of Mary Lois Morris in 1853, when her young husband and infant died within two months of each other.

55. There were five different groups of Native Americans in Utah: the Utes in the eastern Great Basin, the Shoshone in the Great Basin Desert in northern Utah, the Goshutes

me the out did her good sewed on Kates suit till midnight.

Friday 12th arose before seven. fresh snow on the ground. little Kate still better. did housework and sewing. Registered my name as an American Citisen. Addie attended a select party with Willard Burton. She also per-chased presants for the members of the P.A. Read and sewed durement the evening; after Addie returned home wrote in my jornal and retired at a quarter to two saturday morning

Saturday 13th arose soon after seven W. very mild thawing all day spent the day in cleaning; my Husbands youngest child [Josephine Edna Morris] very ill. My Husband telgraphed for this a.m. and arrived this eve I recived a note from Mr. Rowe.

Sunday 14th arose at six 40 W. mild still thawing spent the day at home, Addie Nephi and Georg attended S.S. Addie visited Effie in the afternoon Kate accompanied Sister Rowe to meeting I started but was disapointed. Called on Bro. Griggs family in the eve. Read for the children in the eve, Williard Burton called on us. Baby better.

Monday 15th arose at six 30 W. mild Baby still better. Spent the day in house work and sewing.

Tuesday 16th arose at 5:35 read and wrote till seven; did housework in the morning sewing in the afternoon. At noon my Neice Mrs. Eva Woods with her little children came and stayed over night.

Wensday 17th arose before five W. still mild spent the morning in cleaning the afternoon in sewing, my Neice left with the morning Train for Malad.

Thursday 18th arose at six W. blowing hard did housework and sewing and a good deal of cutting out.

Friday 19th arose about seven Wind very high; did a good deal of house-work and almost mad a shirt. Addie and Catheren bought presents for the P.A.

Saturday 20th arose before seven attended to home affairs a.m. attended Stake Con— p.m. was introduced to a Miss Bowen of Philadelphia visiting this Citys. After transacting Busness in town returned home about dark retired late.

Sunday 21st arose before seven nearley a foot of snow on the ground keen air; George Nephi and Addie attended S.S. G. and K. and I attend Ward Meeting; Addie attended the Funeral of Sister Sophia Freeze who died

in the desert southwest of the Great Salt Lake, and the Navajos and Paiutes in southern Utah. The coming of the Mormons to Utah changed their traditional lifestyles significantly. As settlers entered native lands, they often took the best and most arable lands. By the end of the nineteenth century, many of the Utah Indians would be living on reservations instead of their ancestral lands. See Forrest S. Cuch, *A History of Utah's American Indians*; David Rich Lewis, *Neither Wolf nor Dog: American Indians, Environment, and Agrarian Change*; John Alton Peterson, *Utah's Black Hawk War*.

on the 19th inst. From meeting we went to see Effie spent an hour or two pleasantly Mr. W. Burton visited us in the eve.

Monday 22nd arose at six did two weeks washing and other work. Weather very cold and snowing.

Tuesday 23rd arose at seven W. very cold did cooking in the morning cleaning in the afternoon ironing in the evening retired at midnight little Kate not well.

Wensday 24th arose at seven W. very very cold little Kate no better; attended to home affairs in the morning also gave provisions to the Bretheren who came to gather for the poor was very happy in so doing am thankful that we have wherewith to minister to the poor. Went up town to make purchases for Christmas the weather is intencely cold. At night Addie accompanied Mr. Willard Burton to a seclct Party. Freddie [Fredrick] Rowe came home sick at 11 oclock p.m. sat down to dress a doll for little Kate who wakes up every little while with pain finally has to come down stairs. The night is freezeing; freezeing cold. at half past two a.m. 25th got through Miss dollie's wardrobe and at three retired.

Thursday 25th arose at seven haveing had more cold than sleep." Addie and I prepared dinner for two oclock. Effie and Edward dined with us also Sister Rowe and Freddie we had a very pleasant time; Addie went sleigh rideing with her Father makeing several calls Nephi and George had all the Sleighing that was good for them towards eve the weather moderated

Friday 26th arose at seven W. not quite so cold spent the morning cleaning in the afternoon Addie assisted in distributeing presants to the P.A. the Children were much pleased.

Saturday 27th arose at seven W. as yesterday, went to see Mother William about her haveing some shoes; spent the a.m. in cleaning and cooking went up town in the eve.

Sunday 28th Arose at seven 30 after a disturbed night with little Kate. Addie, Nephi & George attended S.S. I and George attended afternoon meeting Addie attended evening meeting Nephi also. Little Annie [Ann] Parry whos Sister Lizzie died on the 7th and her Father 8th inst died at two a.m. this day [*illegible letter*] eeR spent the evening with us.

Monday 29th arose at seven 30 after another disturbed night W. mild but still snowing. did the weeks washing and other work the funeral of Annie Parry was held at ten a.m. Addie attended Z.M.S.

Tuesday 30th arose at seven W. cold and clear. did housework durezzaing the day, recived a call from Mother Emma Williams. Addie attended the funeral of Emmot Mously [Emmett Desoto Mousley] held in the 16th Ward. Spent the eve very pleasantly reading for the children and singing with Addie. **ens**

Wednesday 31st arose about seven W. still cold. attended to home affairs retired at 11. o'clock

1880

“I Can Earn a Triful”

January 1880

Thursday 1st arose at seven W. mild sun shineing brightly. Attended Fast Meeting at ten a.m. a spirit of peace seemed to prevail through the day having remembered the Poor liberally as a Ward. Spent the p.m. in reading, spent the evening very pleasantly reading for the Children. After they had retired conversed with Willard Burton and Addie on the history of the Church and the manifestations of the spirit of God. Retired earley feeling very happy.

Friday 2nd arose soon after seven W. mild spent the day in cutting out and sewing retired at midnight. Addie had a sleigh ride with Willard Burton and family to his Fathers farm;

Saturday 3rd arose soon after seven W. bright and mild spent the day in cleaning. Addie attended Stake Con— morning noon and night.

Sunday 4th arose about seven W. still mild and beautiful attended Stake Con— took little George with me; the first speaker was Apostle Orson Pratt who spoke on union and the Word of Wisdom. the next was my Husband who continued the same subject, remarking that he intended to keep it all his life; and that he had two familys that one kept the Word of Wisdom no hot drinks allowed the consequence was there was no sickness. the next speaker was Bp Kesler—who spoke in the same strain; had not employed a doctor dureing forty years. and the result was satisfactory¹ Bro Vancott was the last speaker. At two p.m. the house was crowded hundreds could not gain admittance. Pres. Taylor occupied the afternoon said that we would obey the commandments of God and leave our enemies in his hands; Apostle J.F. Smith made a few remarks regreted that our new Hall was not larger. There was a Priesthood meeting in the evening Addie attended, the Children and I spent the eve pleasantly reading and converceing. Williard Burton and Sister Rowe called.

Monday 5th arose at six W. very mild and cloudy wrote till seven did

1. It is unclear which of his two families Elias Morris was referring to when he said one kept the Word of Wisdom and one did not. The *Deseret Evening News* account of his address says that Elias Morris and Bishop Frederick Kesler “bore powerful testimonies of the truths of the promises made to those who obeyed the counsels contained in the ‘Word of Wisdom.’” *Deseret Evening News*, January 5, 1880.

housework and sewing retired very late Addie accompanied Mr & Mrs Henry Giles to the Theatre.

Tuesday 6th arose at seven W. clear and fine sewed some and did housework.

Wednesday 7th arose before six W. do—[ditto] work do—

Thursday 8th arose at sven did general housework in the morning coking in the afternoon W. rough and snowing

Friday 9th arose before seven W. mild and thawing; ~~housework~~ did housework and seweing Addie and the little ones attended P.A. W. very Windy to night read from the Bible for the Children. The wind continued very wild all night.

Saturday 10th arose at five read till six, at seven snow began to fall. Did housework in the morning, sewing in the afternoon saw a financial account of the past year at night; Addie attended Z.M.S. (this is Effies birthday she is well propering and happy)

Sunday 11th arose at six 15 W. clear and Cold eclips of the Sun in the p.m. Nephi & George attended S.S. Addie Kate & George and I attended Ward meeting p.m. Bro H.W. Nesbit spoke very beautifully on comemeration of the Lords Supper. Attended evening meeting also Bp. Wm. D. [William Derby] Johnson [Jr.] addressed us gave a very intresting account of the Indians of the far South and the labours of our Elders amongts them² his discourse was accompanied with the spirit of God.

Monday 12th arose at 5:30 W. cold clear, washed till noon: at one o'clock attended the funeral of Samuel infant Son of Angus M. Cannon. the speakers were Apostle B. Young Bp Taylor and from there went home and from home up town; after reaching home again found a sleigh wating to take Addie out the parties were Willie and Ella [Eloise Crismon Burton] and Willard Burton. We road out to the factory returned at eight.³ had a pleasant time.

Tuesday 13th arose at seven 30. W. cold and clear. did housework in the morning and a large ironing in the afternoon; in the evening attended a lecture given by Bro C.R. Savage, which was a real treat.⁴ retired late.

2. Outpost missions were established among the Indians in Utah, "each of which was manned by thirty to forty men, who were 'called' to preach the Mormon vision of Christianity and demonstrate desirable agricultural practices to potentially hostile tribes on the fringe of Mormon country. Mormon missionary agriculturists lived among the Indians, spoke their language and occasionally intermarried." Arrington, *Mormon Experience*, 153.

3. Mary Lois may be referring to the soap factory or the Utah Sugar Factory, both of which her husband Elias Morris helped establish. Whitney, *History of Utah*, 4:488.

4. Charles Roscoe Savage (1832–1909), the son of John and Ann Savage, was an early Utah photographer. For many years, he "delivered a number of interesting lectures on Utah and its scenic beauties, illustrated by many photographic views." *AJ*, 3:708–11.

Wensday 14th arose at seven. fresh snow on the ground did housework in the morning, entertained my friend Sister Lucy A. [Annie Salisbury] Johnson of Canab her Husband Bp W.D. Johnson Jr. joined us at supper. Addie went Sleigh rideing again With the Burtons.

Thursday 15th arose at six. W. fine did housework with some colouring as made twenty sacks called at Sisters Clark Russell Price and Parry and Effie.

Friday 16th arose at six W. mild did housework and millinary work; ran down down to Effie's on business in the evening. Willard Burton called had a pleasant chat; Addie accompanied him to a celect party.

Saturday 17th arose at six W. very pleasant Nephi sick did work as yesterday Miss Clara Barton called also Miss Bell [Isabella] Foster. Addie attended Z.M.S.

Sunday 18th arose at six 30 W. very Mild Nephi and George attended S.S. Effie and Baby spent the afternoon with us Edward joined us after meeting. Addie and Edward went to meeting Willard returned with them; had a lively chat on womans Rights; Bro J.W. Cummings had spoken pretty rough at the evening meeting on that subject.

Monday 19th arose at six W. mild did the weeks washing; Addie and Kate [Catherine] Barlow got up a party in honor of Father Birds' [Edmond F. Bird] birthday at Sister Birds request. Addie attended Z.M.S. Miss Emma Williams called in the afternoon. also in the eve accompanied by her Bro David. we had a very pleasant chat with them while they waited Sister Rowe. we retired late.

Tuesday 20th arose at six 25. did housework all day Sister Hughes called. Brothers Chatfield and Reeves called as teachers. had a very pleasant chat with them. Paid fifty cents to Bro Chatfield as donation to the Temple which made six dollars payed to the Temple fund dureing the year 1879.⁵ Also three dollars to the new Tabernacle fund. Both sums of my own earning. I am happy that I can earn a triful that I can thro in my might to help build up the Kingdom of God.

Wensday 21st arose at six 30 W. mild and cloudy sunshine in the afternoon, did housework and ironing. Nephi George and Kate attended the S.S. party for the Children this afternoon, had a pleasant time. Aunt Nancy called this eve had a pleasant chat. Addie and Willard Burton went with the intention of calling on Cousin Tom and Martha who were married on the eighth inst. but changed their minds and spent the evening with Effie and Ed very pleasantly.

5. The site for the Salt Lake Temple was dedicated in 1853. Almost forty years later, in 1892, the capstone was laid, and in 1893, the Salt Lake Temple was dedicated. The total cost of building the temple was about \$4 million. Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 214; Lundwall, *Temples of the Most High*, 136–41.

Thursday 22nd arose about six 30 fresh snow on the ground afternoon clear and sunny; attended to general housework Addie accompanied Williard to a necktie party of the adults of the Sunday school.

Friday 23rd arose about seven; more fresh snow on the ground cleared up about ten o'clock attended to things general in the morning spent the afternoon in cleaning Addie attended Z.M.S. at night.

Saturday 24th arose before five more fresh snow on the ground; did repairing till about seven, did general housework all day. Albert sick. A wind arose in the eve blowing hard all night.

Sunday 25th arose about six 30 W. frosty and wind blowing; Addie Nephi and George attended S.S. spent the a.m. in doing housework and reading; at one o'clock snow began to fall. At 12.20 p.m. my Husband's Daughter Mrs. Winnie J. Tibbs presented her Husband with a fine Daughter At two o'clock p.m. little Charlie Son of Bro. Charles and Sister Jane Halley died of dyptheria. a few minutes before 9' o'clock in the eve I went to watch Winnie she haveing a critical time Drs. [Romania Bunnell] Pratt and [Margaret Curtis] Shipp being in attendance. Returned at eight next morning.

Monday 26th after returning home had an hour or two of sleep attended to home affairs; Addie accompanied Willard to a birthday party at Farmers Ward at the house of Bro Gibby whoes two Daughters Birth the party was gotten in honor of. Miss [blank] and Annie The supper was magnificent and the affair very enjoyable the moon shone out in all her splendor which made the ride delightful they returned at midnight little Charlie Hally was buried to day. Albert is better.

Tuesday 27th arose at seven 15 W. cold and clear. did the weeks washing and other work. Addie attended Z.M.S.

Wensday 28th arose at six 30 W. cold and cloudy; did housework in the morning; was called sudenly to my Daughter Effie's to visit with my dear Neice Mrs. Aggie Ridges. While there had a pleasant chat with my friend Sister Duncanson recived an invitation to visit her next friday in connection with Sister L.A. Johnson and her Husband Bp W.D. Johnson Jr. Weather cloudy and cold this eve, clear in the afternoon after returning home and attending to different things spent an hour in reading and writeing Mr. W. Burton took Addie to the 16th Ward Young Folks fast meeting had a very enjoyable time the spirit of God actuating the the speakers who were Prest Mrs Freeze Conciler Mrs Louie [Sarah Louise Bouton] Felt Mrs Dr. Shipp and othrs. Retired about nine 30 o'clock

Thursday 29th arose at 5.55. W. cold and cloudy cleared up abot ten o'clock. Did housework and cooking in the morning; housework and ironing in the afternoon and eveing little George made some gruel and Nephi ironed some towels both little chores were well done as well as I could have done them. Nephi read several pretty stories while I was

ironing, little Kate stood with her little arm his neck and her pretty mouth ready to kiss ~~hs~~ his cheek. At eight 30 sat down to darn stocking. Between five and six o'clock snow began to fall. Addie called on her Sisters Winnie and Effie and her friend Mrs. Catherine Giles. all well Winnie doing nicely. She attended S.S. Choir pratice and returned home about nine o'clock.

Friday 30th arose about seven W. sill very cold very thin coating of snow on the ground; did housework in the morning paid a visit to Sister Duncanson as per apointment had a pleasant time. returned before eight. Addie attended a seelect party With Williard Burton returned at midnight the Children and I retired at 11 o'clock

Saturday 31st arose before seven W. clear and cold. spent the morning in cleaning; in the afternoon Addie, Kate, and I attended 14th Ward Society Meeting the speakers were Sisters Horne, Townsend, Kimbal, Dr. Shipp E. Howard Councilor Taylor and Sister Bowlden. All spoke with a good spirit. From thier there transacted busness in town reached home about dark spent the eve in writeing repairing singing and reading hymns that Prest Taylor used to sing thirty odd year ago some of them he composed in reference to our Myrtered Prophet which are very Grand" causing the tears to dim my eyes and tricle down my face. when I realize the deep and fervant love that existed between them. retired at 11.30.

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Sunday Feb 1. 1880. arose at seven attended to home affairss Addie Nephi and George attended S.S. At eleven o clock sat down to read the *Deseret Evening News*;⁶ at two attended Ward meeting the speakers were Elias Morris and R.T. Burton who spoke in a very instructive manner. Spent the eve at home reading for the Children; Addie attended Ward Meeting Miss M.E. Saulsbury Mr. J.W. [Jedediah William] Ashton and Mr. W.C. Burton accompanied her home. I retired before nine o'clock.

Monday 2nd arose at 4.55 W. clear and cold. did the weeks washing and other work. Addie attended ~~S.S. Union~~ Z.M.S. accompanied by Mr. Burton and her Sisters Nellie and Rosa. at a late hour in the eve Sister Rowe brought the letters she had recived from her Husband to read to us. the night very cold.

6. The *Deseret Evening News* reported both national and local news. All of its editors were Mormon, and it "generally supported the decisions and opposed the critics of the prominent Mormons who governed Salt Lake City." Alexander and Allen, *Mormons and Gentiles*, 114.

Tuesday 3rd arose at six 45. W. cold and cloudy, clear and bright toads noon. did the weeks ironning. at three p.m. Sisters Norman and [Hannah] Foster called as teachers gave them a packet of tea as donation for the poor.⁷ at 3.45 visited my Block returned about dark. Read for the Children in the Juvenile.

Wensday 4th arose at six 45. snow falling continued most of the day, spent the day in riping and colouring a french merino dress. Read for the little boys in the Juvnile before putting them to bed. Retired at 11.30

Thursday 5th arose at ~~seven~~ six 45. W. cloudy and cold; at ten attended fast meeting Mr. and Mrs. McKean were confirmed. had a good meting. At 2 p.m. went to Committee Meeting. spoke in favour of Bp. Pollard. From their allled on my Nephew and Neice Mr. & Mrs. Thomas C. Morris [Martha Ann Hailstone Morris]. Also on Aunty Hannah and Nancy Morris found all well. Called on Grandmother Williams took her some comforts. Reached home at dark. read for the little Boys in the same Book as last night. retired towards midnight

Friday 6th arose at 7 W. cold and clear. Scoured and pressed a dress pattern; and did other work. At 4 p.m. my Sister called for a few moments. Spent the eve in reading the evening News and did a good deal of repairing. retired between 11 & 12.

Saturday 7th arose at 7.30 o'clock W. still cold and clear, spent the day in cleaning; retired at 9.30 much fatagued.

Sunday 8th arose at 5.55 W. clear and cold. spent the morning in housework and reading the Juvnile and Dersret News. Addie and George attended S.S. Nephi accompanied his Father to fouth Cottonwood who went their to preach as home Missionars. Addie Kate and I attended Ward Meeting at 2 p.m. the peaker was elder Wm. [William] Fotheringham of Beaver County who is representing that County in the Legislative Assembly. After returning home read in (Travils in India) written by that Gentleman at the request of the Editor for The Juvenile Instructor.⁸ Miss Jane Davis and Miss Jane W. Davis called to see Addie who had gone to see Effie with some other young folks. At six Nephi George and I attended Ward Meeting Bro Penrose spoke beautyfully Mr. W. Burton spent the evening with Addie at home.

Monday 9th arose before six. W. cold and clear. did the weeks washing and

7. At this time, visiting teachers solicited contributions for charitable causes during their visits. But according to LDS Relief Society president Eliza R. Snow, their most important purpose was spiritual in nature. Derr, Cannon, and Beecher, *Women of Covenant*, 91–92.

8. "Travels in India" by William Fotheringham was a series of essays published in the *Juvenile Instructor* in 1879 and 1880 about Fotheringham's experiences as a missionary in India. Fotheringham recounts the local customs and culture, people he met, and their experiences. *Juvenile Instructor* 15 (1880), 28–29, 99–100, 112.

other work. At 4.30 went to the Polls voted the People Ticket;⁹ from their went up Town, rode home with my Husband. From their called on Miss Foster; then called on my Daughter Effie. ate supper and spent the evening with her Sister Ashton Joined us; little Eddie is rosey and fat. Came home about ten retired between ten and eleven o'clock.

Tuesday 10th arose at seven still feeling tired W. cloudy and mild tur cold and tried to snow all day. did housework in the morning cutting out in the afternoon, in the evening read for the little Boys in the Juvenile Instructor. Nephi read some stories for George and I. Addie attended Z.M.S. retired at ten 15.

Wensday 11th arose at 6.30. fresh snow on the ground; did general housework in the morning ironing in the afternoon and eve also read and did some repairing in the eve, cold and windy as we retire at ten.30.

Thursday 12th arose at 7.30 W. clear and cold fresh snow on the ground did housework and cooking in the morning; at noon little George came home from school sick of what seemes to be bilious fever, on that account I am prevented from attending a surprise party to my friend Mrs. E. Duncanson who is 61. years old to day. Our Prest. Mrs. S.M. Kimbal is the projector of the affair, we the visiting Committee very cheerfully respond. Addie attended Carles's Grand Concert this eve.¹⁰ My Husband and his Son Elias started for Park City this morning. Little George still feverish but sleeps pretty comfortably laid down by his side at 12.30 midnight.

Friday 13th arose about 7.30 W. very clear and cold; discover that little George has the Diptherria,¹¹ wash and anoint him myself send for Father Lewis to administer to him he recives instant benefit arose and dressed wanted to go out. His throat presented rather an alarming appearence,

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9. In the early years of Mormon settlement in Utah, the church-sponsored People's Party was completely dominant in state politics. The Liberal Party, the alternative political party, never gained a majority in general state elections but was occasionally successful in local elections. The People's Party was disbanded in 1891, most likely as part of an effort to gain statehood, and members of the party were encouraged to join either the Republican or Democratic national parties. Edward Leo Lyman, *Political Deliverance: The Mormon Quest for Utah Statehood*; Gustive O. Larson, *The "Americanization" of Utah for Statehood*.
 10. The third of a series of "Grand Orchestral Concerts" held in the Salt Lake Theatre and conducted by George Careless. In this concert, the orchestra performed pieces by Rossini, Handel, and Schubert. *Deseret Evening News*, February 12, 1880.
 11. Diphtheria is a contagious infection that typically strikes the upper respiratory tract including the throat. Symptoms include a sore throat and mild fever; and as the disease progresses, it becomes difficult to breathe and swallow. It is spread by direct contact and can cause death within four days. Diphtheria was the second highest cause of death in Salt Lake in the second half of the nineteenth century. The worst years of the diphtheria epidemic in Salt Lake City were 1878, 1879, and 1880. There were 178 deaths from diphtheria in Salt Lake City in 1879 and 119 deaths from diphtheria in 1880. Ralph T. Richards, *Of Medicine, Hospitals, and Doctors*, 150–52.

but our trust is in God. my Soninlaw E.T. Ashton called to see us. Father Lewis called again to administer to him promised him long life and health to do a work in the Kingdom of God. Watched him all night layed down at 4.30. a.m. saturday morning.

Saturday 14th arose about 8. o'clock W. cold. George better. Addie attended 14th Ward Society meeting. Yesterday attended P.A. also a seelect Valantine Ball in company with Mr. W.C. Burton and Miss Lizzie Kimbal. George still better rested all night

Sunday 15th arose about 4 o'clock W. mild and cloudy Georgie still better for which I thank God and prais his holy name. we all stayed at home to day deeming it best so to do. This a.m. at 7 o'clock little Burtie Morgan died of croup Addie went over to help them. this eve Ed and Willard called. Addie attended evening meeting from their went with a number of young folks to Bro Price's

Monday 16th arose about six fresh snow on the ground snowed a little all day. I was aroused from my bed this morning by the glad news that my Daughter Effie had given birth to another very fine Son [Elias Conway Ashton]. Mother and Child doing well spent the day with them; Aunt Hannah is nurseing them. Returned home at dark. little George about the same. Wrote to my Husband; retired about eleven lay awake till one feeling very uneasy about George.

Tuesday 17th arose about seven W. very cold and clear. little George about the same. Did some washing some housework and attended to George. at ten am Addie attended little Burtie Morgan's furnal at 11.30 Aunt Eliza called and gave me encouragement about Georgie. At 7. went down to see Effie returned at 9.45 retired about eleven

Wensday 18th arose at 7. W. cold and windy spent most of the day in cleaning. Sister Unger called. little Gorge almost well

Thursday 19th arose at 6.45 W. mild. little George well enough to go out. Did housework and ironing in the morning, at two 30 o'clock went to Society Meeting. From their went up town; next went to see Effie; returned home about 9.30 retired aout 11.

Friday 20th arose at six 30. W. very mild and sunny. at nine went over to Effie. ironed most of the day, returned home abot 4.30. feeling very tired. Read for the little Boys in the J.I. about Moses. questioned them about what had been read they answered well. Addie went to a leap year Ball with Mr. W.C. Burton George is six years old to day

Saturday 21st arose at six 30. W. very mild did housework all day. An accedent ocured on the Utah Southern R.R. at 4 a.m. thre men hurt. also on the Utah N. at 5 p.m. one man hurt. **Saturday**

Sunday 22 arose at 6.30 W. very mild fresh snow on the ground. spent the morning in doing housework and reading. Spent the afternoon and eve with Effie recived a good many callers. returned home at nine retired at ten 30.

Monday 23rd arose at six W. very mild and cloudy snowed in the afternoon blowed in the eve. Did housework and sewing Addie attended Z.M.S. Read for the children in the J. Instructor.

Tuesday 26th arose at 5.10 W. mild fresh snow on the ground. did the weeks washing and other hard work. Sent Addie over to see little Cousin Annie Conway. who is very ill of diptheria. Aunt Eliza being very glad of her help. At 8.30 took Nephi with me to see Effie quite a fall of snow on the ground and more coming down. Found her increasing in health. retired about 11. very tired

Wensday 25th arose at seven W. mild and cloudy did ironing and housework About 3. p.m. Sister Rowe came over and asked if I would watch little Annie to night and said that a little Maggie Allen next door to Aunt Eliza was dead. Soon after six Addie went over to see cousin Annie. At seven Sister Bird called with the intention of going with me to the leap year Ball. But I was obliged to relinquish the peasure as duty lead me amongts the sick and dying the Children and I spent the eve pleasantly together. Soon After ten Addie came home accompanied by Mr. D. Williams; I went back with him to Aunt Eliza's found little Annie very restless little hands very cold a very ofencive smell from her poor throat; about 11. oclock her father arrived from Park City in answer to a telegraphic dispatch at half past twelve midnight she breathed her last. Assisted by her Aunt Janey I layed her out after which she looked very sweet and smileing. After clearing everything away pertainigs to her we sat in our colours till 6 a.m.

Thursday 26th then went home, returned about 9. About ten Martha Morris came to see little Annie. Finding that she was dead proffered her help; about ten Martha and I went to Sister William's who had kindly offered her machine and hospatality to us to make little May Allen's burial suit about 3 p.m. we got through and dressed her and stayed to the furnal. About 5 p.m. began little Annie's clothes Sister Althera [Althea] Brown kindly proffered her help we sent both shroudes; finished Annies clothes about midnight Went to Sister Williams's to sleep.

Friday 27th arose at 8. W. very cold snow on the ground pierceing wind went over to Aunt Eliza' at 9: nine assisted dressed little Annie. the funeral convined between ten and eleven. Bp. Pollard spoke after the furnal had gone we found Jonnie & Elias had diptheria. Stayed till the folks returned from the funeral came home in the eve found Sister Rowe sick Willard called. Retired about 11.

Saturday 28th arose at 8. W. still very cold. Sister Rowe better. Did cleaning in the morning attended 14th Ward meeting p.m. from their went up town returned after dusk. did some repairing in the eve.

Sunday 29th arose at six W. very cold did housework and reading in the morning. Nephi and gerrge attended S.S. Addie and Kate attended p.m.

meeting. I called on Effie returned at 4.30 Bro Tuckfield ate supper with us Willard took Addie to meeting the children and I spent the eve at home pleasantly after meeting W. Burton G. Price Misses E. Beers L. Bers and Nellie [Mary Ella] Morris spent the eve with Addie returned at 9.30

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Monday 1st arose at 5.30 W. very mild helped with the weeks washing and housework. read for the children in the eve. retired about ten

Tuesday 2nd arose at 5.30. W. very mild spent most of the day in sewing Misses Beers and stanford called Addie wrote to her Father. The Children and I read in the Testment in the eve; retired at 9:40

Wensday 3rd arose at seven. W. mild and cloudy. Did not feel very well; sewed most of the day visited my Block in the eve. Had an hour and a half conversation with Bro [Henry] Rudy ~~before nine oclock Sister Roe came in and~~ on medicine and Religon. reached home before 9. o'clock. Sister Rowe came in and chated pleasantly

Thursday 4th arose at a few minutes after seven. W. cold fresh snow on the ground. at ten attended Fast Meeting; from there called on Effie. talked with Bro James [Roberts] Hall on the way concerning my Father he being aquainted with us in earley days of the church. Found Effie and baby's well. From there went to Committee Meeting. From there went to Town. returned home before dark. durng the eve looked over a bundle of old letters received from my Husband while on his mission to Europe which caused many emotions to arise in our hearts especially where little Conway's name was mentioned who was burnt to death while his Father was on that mission Just the mention of his ~~mo~~ name caused Addie and I to weep bitterly. We retired about midnight.

Friday 5th arose at seven ten W. clear and cold. did housework and coloring; Miss Emma Williams called in the eve. Addie recived a letter from her Father. Nephi cut the palm of his right hand. Addie attended a party with Mr W.C. Burton came home at at 12.30 we retired at 1. o'clock

Saturday 6th arose at 7 W. clear and cold, did cleaning in the morning; at two p.m. Addie Nephi George and Kate and I attended the Theater to witness the Sorcerer Mattenee¹² Snow began to fall fast at 5.30 trasacted busness in town reached home before dark Mr W. C. Burton called in the eve. retired at nine. we retired at ten.

Sunday 7th aros 6.20. W. clear and bright did housework and reading Addie Nephi and George attended S.S. George and I attended Ward

12. *The Sorcerer* was performed by Zion's Musical Union, an LDS musical society. Hicks, *Mormonism and Music*, 99–100.

Meeting at 2. p.m. Miss Lizzie Kimbal spent the afternoon with Addie. Addie and Nephi attended Ward Meeting in the eve Mr. W. C. Burton called. We retired between nine and ten.

Monday 8th arose at 5.20. W. mild and cloudy helped with the weeks wash and other work. Sister Bowlden called in the afternoon. Spent the evening very pleasantly reading for the Children from the J. Instructor and looking over more old letters retired at nine 30. Addie has gone to see the Sorcerer again with her Sister Nellie.

Tuesday 9th arose at 5.50 Weather clear and cold fresh snow on the ground. Spent most of the day in repareing. In the eve read a very pleasant peice for the Children from the J. Instructor; after they had retired continued my task of looking over old letters. Addie attended Y.L.M.I. retired at nine 30.

Wensday 10th arose about six W. clear and mild spent the day in cutting and sewing blocks for a woollen quilt. In the eve read for Nephi in the J. Instructor. Then continued and finished my long job of looking over and assorting old letters; feel paid for my trouble. Retired at 11.30.

Thursday 11th arose before seven W. mild and sunny continued cutting blocks. At 2. p.m. attended the funeral of Bro. B.T. Mitchel. who died on the 9. inst. The speakers were Prest. D.H. Wells, Bps. Hunter and Hardy, and Apostle J.F. Smith. their speaking was very good. Snow began to fall at 6.30. Called on Effie found her and Babes progressing fairley; spent an hour or so very pleasantly returned at 8.30 Addie recived a note from her Father. Five years ago to day my Father closed his eyes in death being about 77. years of age.

Thursursday Friday 12th arose between 5 & 6. W. clear and verry cold worked on and finished the upper side of a quilt to my entire satisfaction. At seven 30 took Nephi George & Kate to see the Mormon Panarama exhibited at the 14th Ward assembely Rooms to a full house the views were very fine¹³ and the audenc very attentive the Children were deeply impressed. returned before ten retired at 11. night bitter cold.

Saturday 13th arose before 7. W. clear and very cold. spent the day in cleaning Addie attended 14th Ward meeting. spent the eve in attention to the Children reading and etc. retired at ten.

Sunday 14th arose at 6.15. W. sill very cold as much so as January or december spent the morning in reading and housework. Nephi and George

13. The "Church Panorama" exhibit was painted by Mr. Christiansen of Sanpete, Utah. It was exhibited in the Fourteenth Ward Assembly Rooms in December 1879 and illustrated "scenes in the early history of the Church . . . the subjects extending through the period from the first vision of Joseph Smith to his martyrdom in Carthage Jail." The Panorama was created "agreeable to the wish and according to the instructions of President Taylor." *Deseret Evening News*, December 8, 1879; December 9, 1879.

attended S.S. At 2 p.m. George Kate and I attended Sacrement meeting in the Ward Hall, a good spirit prevailed. Addie and Nephi attended eve meeting retired at 9.30

Monday 15th arose at 5.15. W. clear and pierceing cold. at 6.30 sat down to rip woolen clothes. at 3. o'clock p.m. went with Sister Rowe to call on Sister Lewis and on Sister Tollen on busness reached home at 5. Read for the little Boys in the eve from the J. Instructor; retired at ten; this evening John [William Evan] Avery accedently shot himself.

Tuesday 16th arose at 5.45 W. cold and clear did housework dureing the day, ironing in the evening; Sister Foster called in the afternoon. Freddie Rowe was brought home ~~drunk~~. Addie wrote to her Father; we retired at ten 30

Wensday 17th arose at 5.45. W. mild and cloudy at six went up town to mail a letter to Park City; did housework in the morning at 1. p.m. attended the funeral of John Avery Son of Evan Avery the speakers were Bp. Pollard & Apostle J.F. Smith. the House was packed from there went to call on Effie found her and Babes well but she is not able to walk yet though babe is more than a month old. Came home before five tended to home affairs recived a letter from my Brother. Read for the Children in (Afar In the Forest.)¹⁴ retired at 9.30.

Thursday 18th arose at 6.5. W. cloud and mild, fresh snow on the ground. attended to home affairs in the morning. At 2.30 p.m. went to Society Meeting. On my way home called on Mother and Grand-Mother Williams to invite them to spend the day with Sister Kimbal next wnsday. Returned home between five and six. Read for the children in (Afar In the Forest). To day Miss Sarah E.[Ellen] Olsen of our Ward was married by Apostle J.F. Smith to Mr. J.E.[Jeremiah Euchlet] Langford. Sucess to the sweet Songstress and her Husband.

Friday 19th arose at 5.30. W. mild and cloudy sprinkling of fresh snow on the ground did a good deal of housework and at 10 a.m. attended Society Conference in the 14th Ward assembly Rooms. Brought my friend Sister Ridges home to dine with us returned at 2 p.m. to Con—returned at five. Her Daughter Miss Annie Ridges was married on the 22nd of January to Mr. David Williams an employe of Morris & Evans. Read for the children in (Afar In the Forest) retired at 9.30.

Saturday 20th arose at 6.15. W. clear and less over. spent the day in cleaning; Mr. David Williams called. Addie recived Wedding cards and cake from Mrs. J.E. Langford the bearer was Miss Emma Williams. Addie

14. Catharine Parr Traill's *Afar in the Forest; or, Pictures of Life and Scenery in the Wilds of Canada*. Traill (1802–1899) was an English woman who immigrated to Upper Canada in the 1830s. She wrote several books addressing pioneer life in Upper Canada, botany and nature, and the effects of pioneer settlement on the natural landscape.

attended P.A. Conference. read for the Children in the eve from (Afar In the Forest) after attending to numrous duties retired at 11.

Sunday 21st arose at 5.20. W. fine. Nephi and George attended S.S. Spent the a.m. in reading and attending to home affairs at 2 p.m. attended Ward Meeting but came away again on account of Nephi. Addie attended evening Meeting. Retired at 9.

Monday 22nd arose at 5.15. W. very fine; did the weeks washing and a good deal of other other work. Miss Williams, Miss Price and Mrs Waarwood [Ellen Ann Taylor Warwood] called.

Tuesday 23rd arose between 5. and 6. W. still fair did housework and the weeks ironing. Spent an hour with Effie in the eve saw Sister Ashton and the Girls.

Wensday 24th arose at six. W. clear and fine; at 10. o'clock called for Mother and Grandmother Williams, took them to visit Sister S.M. Kimbal as per apointment. Spent the day very happily with her and her aged guests. Her kindness and liberality I shall never forget. From there went up town. then went down to Effie to bring the Children home.

Thursday 25 aros at 5.30 W. cloudy dusty and windy; turned cold and snowed in the eve. Did housework and millinary work Sister Warwood called. Bro Reves called as teacher.

Friday 26th arose at 5.10. thre inches of snow on the ground the air quite cold; did housework and millinary work. Read for the children in (Afar In the Forest) in the evening.

Saturday 27th arose at 5.15 worked on a hat till 9. o'clock. Then commenced cleaning, continued till seven; performed other duties and retired at ten much fatagued. My Neice Mrs. Eldredge called on me at 1. o'clock with a message from my sister Mrs. Pratt Mrs. Warwood called also.

Sunday 28th arose at 7.30. W. windy as yesterday all the snow gone. worked about the house in the morning attended Ward Meeting p.m. From their went to see Aunt Hannah & Nancy. also Cousin Tom and Mattie. reached home about six. Read for the Children in the Juvenile Instructor and (Afar In the Forest) retired at ten.

Monday 29th arose aboute six. W. mild and clear; turned cloudy and chill. wahshed all day did other work in the eve; also read for the little Boys finished our instructive and entertaining little book of 204 pages. Afar In the Forest)

Tuesday 30th arose between 6. &7. feeling very tired from over exertion yesterday. Wether cold little fresh snow on the ground. spent the day in sewing and coloring; at 4.15. went around the Block in company with Miss Beers. Called on Aunty Hannah, Tom and Mattie. Also Effie she is at last gaining strength. returned home before dark. This morning Freddie Rowe, Jim Smith, John Smith, Tom Mccan and Walter Bowering ran away

from home no tideings yet.

Wensday 31st arose at 5.15 W. cold and cloudy rain sprinkling at dark. did housework and millinary work. Sister Smith called the Mother of the run-away Boys. They all returned at 11 a.m. to day. My Nephew Willford O. [Wilford Owen] Ridges also called. Read in (My First Mission)¹⁵ for the Children in the evening; we commenced it last night by Nephi reading the first chapter. Miss Annie [Clarinda] Heath is to be married this eve to Mr. J. [James T.] Beers of Park City. retired at 11.30. [*In left margin:* Wrote a letter to my Brother ~~April~~ March 31 1880]

April 1880

Thurday 1st arose at six 40. W. Mild; rain gently falling. At 10 a.m. attended fast meeting. at 2. p.m. went to Committee Meeting. from there called with Sister Duncanson to see Mrs Cora [*blank*] from there called on my Daughter Effie found her and Babies well and growing fast. Called also on Aunty Hannah & Nancy Tom and Mattie. Took comforts to Sisters Williams and Rhodes returned home aboute dark. Read a chapter for Nephi in (My First Mission) retired at 10. o clock.

Friday 2nd arose at six W. cloudy and windy bgan to rain in the eve; did housework all day, recived a letter from my Husband. Read for the Children in (My First Mission) Received a letter from from my Husband this a.m. answered it this eve retired at 12. midnight.

Saturday 3rd arose about six W. mild and very windy rained in the afternoon and night spent the morning in cleaning at 2 p.m. attended the Grand Dutchess¹⁶ Mattin at the Theater took George and Kate, Addie took Nephi we reached home about six p.m. went down to Effie's after dark; from there up town in showful rain to the P.O. took Nephi with me. Returned about ten; retired at 11.

Sunday 4th arose between six and and 7. at ten attended Stake Con— in the beautiful New assembly Hall accompanied by Nephi and George the speakers were Prest Taylor, Apostles Woodruff and Thaxter. there remarks were very good. spent the p.m. at home to take care of the Children Addie attended Meeting. Wrote another letter to my Husband sending him Con— news read for the Children in the eve in (My First Mission)

Monday 5th arose at 5.10. W. mild and raining. Washed till after 9. attended

15. George Q. Cannon, *My First Mission*. This is the first book in the Faith Promoting Series and is about George Q. Cannon's mission in Hawaii.

16. *The Grand Duchess* was an Offenbach operetta first performed in the U.S. in 1867. It tells of "a duchess who hopes to win the love of a common soldier by promoting him, but finds he remains loyal to his simple sweetheart." Bordman, *Oxford Companion*, 273.

morning meeting the speakers were Apostles B. Young J.F. Smith, and D.H. Wells. spent the a.m. at home attending to home affairs Addie attended p.m. meeting; also Y.F.M.I. at the 14th Ward. I read for the little Boys in (My First Mission)

Tuesday 6th arose at 6.40. W. mild and fine at ten o'clock attended the General Conferance; 50 years ago this day and this day of the week the Church of Jesus Christ was organized with six members viz Joseph Smith the Prophet, Hyrum and Samuel H. Smith his brothers, David and Peter Whitmer and Oliver Cowdery. In a private house, the residence of Mr. Peter Whitmer. Sen. Fayette, Seneca Co New York, on tuesday the 6th day of April 1830.¹⁷ The speaker was Apostle F.D. [Franklin Dewey] Richards then the statistacial report of the whole church was read By Bro. L.J. Nuttal [Leonard John Nuttall]. My Sister accompanied me home; Addie accompanied her to afternoon meeting. I atten to matters at home. Read for the little Boys in (My First Mission.) Addie attended a meeting of Y.P.M.I.A. held in the Assembly Hall. She recived a letter from her Brother Elias. I recived some money from my Husband. We retired about 11.

Wensday 7th arose between 6. and 7. W. mild and fine; at ten o'clock attended Con—Bro Levi W. [Ward] Hancock was called upon to speak; a great deal of important business was transacted and missionary names were read. Meeting p.m. the Authorities were sustained Prest Taylor spoke on many important things. Addie and I transacted busness in town; retturned about six Addie went home, I went down to Effie's for the Children retttrned about dark. Read a chap. for the Children in (My First Mission) retired about 11. o'clock.

Thursday 8th arose about six W. bright and glourious. Bro. Parry of Ogden called who had lost three little Children scince we saw him last. At ten a.m. went to Con—. the speakers were the whole Quorum of Apostles, their speaking was Grand and glorious¹⁸ And Bro Taylor at thir head

17. Mary Lois may have found her information in Edward W. Tullidge's *Life of Joseph the Prophet*, which she mentioned reading earlier in her diaries. Tullidge says of this event, "[Joseph] made known to the brethren that he had received a commandment to organize the Church. Accordingly they met (six in number) at the house of Mr. Peter Whitmer, in Fayette, Seneca Co., N.Y. on Tuesday the 6th day of April, 1830." Edward W. Tullidge, *Life of Joseph the Prophet*, 74–75.

18. This was the fiftieth conference of the LDS church and was declared a "jubilee," as celebrated by the Jews in the Old Testament. In the spirit of the jubilee, half of the community's debt to the Perpetual Emigration Fund, \$802,000, was "stricken from the account, and forgiven." In addition, the lack of rain in the previous year, 1879, had caused the crops and stock of many church members to suffer. As a result, it was proposed that one thousand cows be distributed to the poor and that the Relief Society, which had been storing grain, should loan 34,761 bushels without interest for use as seed. Finally individuals were "urged to be lenient towards those indebted to them individually." *Comp. History*, 5:589–94.

spoke Grand and God-like. Of all the thirty six years I have been in the Church and of all the Conferences I have attended this has been none so Great and Grand as this. We have agreed to forgive the poor their debts and to happyfy and build up each other the morning Meeting was held till half past one p.m. Then ajorned till october next. Reached home about 3. o'clock spent what was left of the afternoon in doing house work. Mrs Jennie Browning called also Sister Williams of the 19th Ward also Mr David Williams of the 15th Ward. read another delightful chap for the Children in (My First Mission) retired at 9.30.

Friday 9th arose soon after 5. did housework most of the day; at noon Sister Foust called, stayed till 4. p.m. Miss Bowring called on business. Sewed some after they had gone. Addie and Kate attended P.A. meeting. I read for the Children in (My First Mission) retired between 10 and 11.

Saturday 10th arose at 5.5. W. mild and sunny sewed nearley all day on little Kate's clothes; this is her birth day. She was born at 15. minutes to 4. oclock a.m. April 10, 1876 which makes her four years old today. Addie has bought her a doll and some dishes and she is very happy to day. Read another pleasant chap in (My First Mission) for the Children retired about ten

Sunday 11th arose at 5.45. W. sill clear and warm. spent the a.m. in reading and housework. Nephi & George attended S.S. Spent a.m. at home, Addie and Nephi attended afternoon meeting in the Assembly Hall. Brother Penrose spoke exelently. Addie and Nephi attended evening meeting Bro T.F. Howlls accompanied Addie home. we retired about ten. Bro James Moyle and his Wife Maggie [Margaret Anna Cannell Moyle] have lost their little Nelson [Moyle] to day. he died before noon and was buried after p.m. Meeting

Monday 12th arose at six W. warm and Windy. did the weeks washing and other work Uncle Richard came to enquire about Becca Addie accompanied Mr T.F. Howells to a party gotten up for the benefit of Bro King who started on a mission to Europe this a.m. Bro Griggs went yesterday. Addie returned after midnight converced with Bro Howells on several subject mostly religious retired about 1. o' clock lay awake most of the night thinking of what we had talked

Tuesday 13th arose at six 30. W. cloudy and cold; snow began to fall about 11. a.m. Called on Aunty Hannah and Mattie. Mattie sick in bed. Came home before noon; worked in the garden again in the cold and snow; worked on a wollen quilt in the p.m. read for the little Boys in the (Juvenile Instructor)

Wensday 14th arose at 5.30. W. clear fine and frosty. snow on the ground; continued working on the quilt. Recived a letter from My Husband. Called on Effie chatted with Sister Allcock on the way she has buried a little child to day also one last Tuesday the sixth inst both of Diptheria called on

Aunt Nancy reached home at eight; Aunt Hannah waiting me. Told the Children a story called (Under The Snow) Answered my Husband's letter retired at 12. Midnight

Thursday 15th arose about 6. W. changeable soon after 9. called on Effie; an hour later went with Addie and Kate up town to have the latter's likeness taken. Came home and worked among the carpet rags. read for the Children in the eve in (My First Mission) retired at 11. wind blowing very high.

Friday 16th arose at 5.30. W. still windy, rain began about 1. did some repairing; called on Aunt Nancy and Hannah about 9 a.m. prepared a heap of white rags for coloring also colored a pair of pants. Read for the Child in (My First) Mission) This am. at 2 o'clock Bro James and Sister Maggie Moyle lost another little one [Seth Moyle] which makes two in 5 days both of Diptheria. At 12 .m. to day Mr Armstrong buried another son both of Dipthria

Saturday 17th arose about six W. cloudy and cold. half a foot of snow on the ground snowed at intervals all day. preared and colored carpet rags. read for the Children in the eve in the (Juvenile Instructor).

Sunday 18th arose at 4.40 W. cold and changeable; at six sat down to read at half past began the morning duties. at ten 30 sat down to read again between 12. and 1. Auty Hannah called accompanied her to the (Assembly Hall) Apostle Orson Pratt addressed us, In the eve Miss J. Davis and Miss Sarah Evans called. Addie accompanied them to meeting. Miss Lizzie Kimbal and Mr D. Williams brought her home. Addie Nephi and George attended S.S. we retired be tween 9 and 10.

Monday 19th arose at 4.55. W. cold and frosty did the weeks washing and cut carpet rags. Miss Williams called. Addie attended Z.M.S. retired about 9. o'clock. recived a letter from my Brother. ~~Tuesd~~

Tuesday 20th arose before 5. W. cold cloudy and windy cut carpet rags all day. Called on Effie took the letter which Uncle Charles had sent also a song which he had composed for the (St George Choir)¹⁹ and sent a copy to my Sister and my self. Called on Aunt Eliza who was grieveing sadly for little Annie Conway returned between nine and ten.

Wensday 21st arose at 4.35. W. still cloudy and windy but not so cold. cut carpet rags all day went up town at 5.30. cousin Becca called and accompanied me. road home with Bro Bockholt. read for the Children in the eve in the (Juvenile Instructor) and conversed with Nephi about the plates of the Book of Mormon and Geography. retired about ~~ten~~ 11 was much disturbed during the night terrific wind prevailed

19. The song referred to by Mary Lois seems to be a "Jubilee song" sung by the St. George choir, which Charles Walker composed for the fiftieth anniversary of the LDS Church. CWD, 491-93.

Thursday 22nd arose between 7. and 8. snow on the ground. W. cold and thawing; cut carpet all day. Bro Reeves called as teacher paid him \$2.00 as Temple donation for Jan. Feb. March. and April. Read for the children in (The Juvenile Ins)

Friday 23rd arose at 6.30 W. cold and Thawing cut carpet rags all day. Addie Nephi and Kate attended Primary Meeting Read for the Children in the eve in the (Juvenile Instructor)

Saturday 24th arose at 5.45. W. cold; more fresh snow on the ground. spent the morning in coloring; the afternoon in cleaning did some sewing in the eve, Nephi read a chapter in the Testament. Retired at midnight. Recived a letter from my Husband.

Sunday 25th arose between 7. & 8 feeling tired spent the a.m. in doing housework attended meeting in (The Assembly Hall) p.m. Bro. C.C. Rich and C.W. Penrose were the speakers. Addie attended evening meeting Retired abot 11. To day Sister Elizabeth [Foster Lindsay Thomas] Wife of Professor C.J. Thomas was buried. Apostle J.F. Smith spoke in highest terms of the departed; a very large funeral gathered to pay their respects to the esteemed dead

Monday 26th arose at 4.45. W. mild and fine did the weeks washing. Cousin Becca came in the p.m. Aunty Hannah called in the eve. Retired at 11. Addie and Becca attended Z.M.S.

Tuesday 27th arose at 7. W. rather cold and cloudy; cut carpet rags all day Cousin Becca went home before noon I read for the Children in the eve from (The Juvenile Instructor)

Wensday 28th about 5.30. W. mild and clear; spent the day in cutting carpet rags. read for the Children from (The *Juvenile Instructor*) in the eve

Thursday 29th arose at 5.15. W mild and beautiful, did housework all day some millinery work in the eve. Bro Evans called in the a.m. Cousin Becca and Rosa Jones Riter in the p.m. had a pleasant chat in the eve (with Mr Wm Williams) retired at 10.40

Friday 30th arose at 5. W. still lovely; did housework and millinary work. Addie Kate and George attended P.A. read for the little Boys this eve in the (Juvenile Instructor) My Husband's oldest Son Elias arrived from Park City this p.m. in good health. A Company of immigrants arrived this eve from Europe being the first of the season

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Saturday 1st arose at 6. W. mild and bright spent most of the day in cleaning; did some millinary work in the eve. at 7 a.m. my Husband's other Wife and little Children went out to meet Him. at 3.30 they returned he is in good health My Soninlaw and my Husban's Brother Hugh also returned

home. Albert Unger called twice, presented us with some oranges. Addie went to see the two headed Lady.²⁰

Sunday 2nd arose at 5. W. fine and mild, read from 6. till 7 then read for the little Boys till breakfast Nephi Georg and Addie attended S.S. I attended Tabernacle meeting p.m. four returned Missionaries spoke. J.L. Bunting Bro Blyth Geo. Emery and Bro Wolch and Apostle O. Pratt all spoke by the powr of God.

Monday 3rd arose at six W delightful Little Kate restless all night with a cough. btter this a.m. helped with the weeks washing and a good deal of other work

Tuesday 4th arose at 6.15 W. still beautiful did housework and visited my block. Sister Kimbal called about Sister Reowe aiding her in careing for the baby, she had taken to rais Sister Foster and Willson [Jane Elizabeth Priday Wilson] called as teachers gave them 25 cts for the poor.

Wensday 5th arose about 6. W. sultry a.m. rained and cold p.m. did housework and went shoping in the eve. Took a sever cold.

Thursday 6th arose at 5.35. W. very cold but clear. Did housework and went to Fast meeting had a good time my Husband warmly in favour of gathering the poor. p.m. went to Commttee meeting had another good time. Went up town again shoping acompaned by Addie and Katie; returned and transacted more busniness called on Sister Kimbal. my Sister called in my abcnce. Reached home about eight, retired at nine much fatuged. Addie and Nephi attended S.S. Singing class.

Thursday Friday 7th arose at 5.30. W. cold tried to rest myself Aunty Hannah called ~~Shed~~ stayed several hours had a pleasant visit; did some housework in the eve, went out at seven 30 accompanied by Nephi did some more shopping called on Sister Parker. Called on Mrs Mollie Griggs presented her with a beautiful hanging basket of (Mother of Thousands) which I had raised. called on my Daughter Effie. Called on Aunt Hannah and Aunt Nancy. Sister Balser was there we talked about Conway being burnt to death; and She talked about her little Eddie being drowned; and of her being lef a widow at nineteen and Nauvoo troubles and sickness. Come home between ten and ~~even~~ evelen.

Saturday 8th arose at 5.30. W. cloudy and rather cold. spent the day in cleaning retired at nine. Bro James Moyle lost another Son today; Walter [Wood Moyle] by name aged four years²¹

20. Millie Christine, "the Famous Two Headed Nightingale," performed at the Salt Lake Theatre in 1880. According to an advertisement, she had two heads and "speaks all languages, is able to converse with two persons at one time on different topics and in different languages, she can walk dance and skate." *Deseret Evening News*, April 29, 1880.

21. Walter Wood Moyle (1876–1880), the son of Elizabeth Wood and James Henry Moyle, died on May 8, 1880. Two of James Moyle's sons by his second wife, Margaret Anna

Sunday 9th arose at 5.30 W. cloudy and cold rained dureing the night Nephi and George attended S.S. Addie Kate George and I attended Tabernacle in the p.m. Bro Naisbet spoke Addie attended eve meeting

Monday 10th arose at 5.45. W. mild and cloudy. did some housework, went up town a.m. and p.m. did not feel well after. re Nephi read in the Juvenile in the eve, Addie attended Z.M.S.

Tuesday 11th arose at 5.15. W clear and mild windy dureing the day; continued housecleaning; read for the Children in the eve from the (Juvenile Instructor) Mr. Thomas [Foster] Heath and Miss Sarah Brown were married day By Justice Pyper.

Wensday 12th arose about 5.30. still windy. Cleaned the west bedroom, was very tired, bathed the Children and read for them in the (Juvenile Instructor)

Thursday 13th arose about 5.15. W. cloudy and cold. worked in the garden a.m. sewed some in the p.m. and finished the west bedroom Nephi attended Singing School Mr. T.F. Howells spent the eve with us; Addie sang and played by ergent request.

Friday 14th arose about six rain had falen during the night, snow began to fall at 7 7. this a.m. began to clear up about midday. Did sewing housework and coloring Addie attended the theater in company with Mr. T.F. Howells. And this is my fortyfifth birth-day may God help me to keep faithful in his Kingdom to the end of my days Amen.

Saturday 15th arose at 4.50 W. cold, clear and pleasant p.m. did millinary work and some house-work attended a funeral at 3 p.m. at the house of Bro James Moyle; he has lost four little Sons in less than three weeks of the dread schurge diptheria. The little one we have buried to day [Mahonri Moyle] ws died this a.m.

Sunday 16th arose at 5. worked till ten read till 11:30. Nephi and George attended S.S. Addie and George attended Tabernacle meetings; Nephi Kate and I spent the afternoon at home; and the evening with Effie. thirteen years ago today my little John ~~Monday~~ Conway was burnt to death. He would be 17 years old 22nd of august next if he had been living.

Monday 17th arose at 5.5. helped with the weeks washing, did some sewing and housework and sewing. Sister Kimball called this a.m. Took the Children with me down to Aunt Nancy's this eve, returned directly. Addie attended Z.M.S. We retired about 11 oclock.

Thursday 18th arose at 4.40. W. fine and warm. cut carpet till 8. at 9. went

Cannell, died a month earlier, in April 1880; six-year-old Seth Moyle (1874–1880) died on April 16, 1880; and one-year-old Nelson Moyle died on April 10, 1880. Three more of James Moyle and Elizabeth Wood's children died later in May 1880: Mahonri Moyle (1878–1880), Ellen Moyle (born and died May 28, 1880), and Deseret Blanche Moyle (1872–1880). Thus, in the period of two months, James Moyle lost a total of six children. According to Mary Lois's later entry, all the children but Deseret Moyle died of diphtheria.

over to Aunt Nancy on buisness; returned at 1. made 35 sacks Mrs. [Cecelia Ward] Hall and her Mother Mrs. [Sarah Arthur] Ward called on business. Took the Children and went down to Effie's. retired between 9. and 10.

Wensday 19th arose at 5. W. still beautiful cut carpet rags eight did millinery work most of the day Miss E. and L. Beers called. Bathed the Children and read for the Children

Thursday 20th arose at 5. did millinary work a.m. attended Society Meeting p.m. Read for the Children in the (Juvenile Instructor) in the eve.

Friday 21st arose at 6. W. cloudy rained a little clear most of the day. did millinery work and went up town. Miss Lu Musser called to invite us to partisapate in a surprise party to my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges next thursday. Read for the Children in the eve in the J.I.

Saturday 22nd arose at 5.15. W. lovely did millinery work most of the day; some housework. Addie attended 14th Ward meeting the spirit of God was poured out upon the Sisters, ~~they~~ rejoiced greatly together. We retired about 11.

Sunday 23rd arose about 5.15. W cloudy soon clared up worked till 10.5. read and rested at 2. took the Children to Tabernacle spent the eve at home; read for the Children in (The Juvenile Instructor)

Monday 24th arose at 5. W. rather cold and cloudy helped to make a sack of clothes for a little Boy who died yesterday morning of lung dease. Charles Fritz Schaerer—Son of Jea-Jean Schaerer and Bar Anna Barbara Schaerer then took the clothes and helped to dress him stayed to the funeral which was conducted by Bro H.C.Riser the german Bretheren sang O. My Father in german to the same tune theat we sing it. also Sweet rest in Heaven (in german) to the same tune as we sing it; in very good style. called of Sister Powell and Effie's.

Tuesday 25 arose about 5 W lovely all the vegetation beautifully fresh and green sun bright and chilly. Did housework and Millinary work. Bro Reeves called as teacher retired about 11. read for the Children

Wensday 26 arose about 5.15 W. still very fine a little chilly and changeable did housework and Millinery work a.m. spent most of p.m. in looking over old volumes of (Juvenile Instructors) according to promise. In the eve bathed the Children and comenced to read a new story for them from the (Juvenile) called (Under the Snow) Retired about 11.

Thursday 27th arose about 4.55. W. good surprise party postponed Did housework and Millinary work a.m. p.m. attended quilting at Society Hall. Called on Sister Rowe, who read her Husbands letter to me. reached home about six read for the little Boys in the eve. (Under the Snow) retired about 11.

Friday 28th arose at 4.40. W. fine. called at the office of the Juvenile also at Aunt Hanna and Nancy's and Mattie. little Eli sick. Did housework and coloring in the p.m. Bro William Nuttal of Round Vally called. read for

the Children in the eve (Under the Snow) retired late

Saturday 29th arose at five 15 W. fine Did house and millinary work a.m. at 3. p.m. my Husband took myself and Children Effie and babies out to see my Sister Found all well had a short but pleasant visit; returned before dark. Sister Hall called. to day Bro. James Moyle lost two more Children; little Dezzie [Deseret Blanche Moyle] aged eight and another little Daughter of premature birth [Ellen Moyle]; makeing six in about five weeks all of the Diptheria but the last named. read for the Children finished (Under the Snow.) retired about 10. This eve at eight o'clock Sister Parker lost her Son Willie a youth about twenty of that dreadful plague diptheria.

Sunday 30th arose at 4.30 W. cold and therating. At ten Bro Moyle's frends attended the funeral of his little girls both wer laid in one coffin Prest A.M. Cannon preached out on the porch where the people assembled. At three 30 p.m. the people gathered around Sister Parker's gate; the remains of her Son were brought out in a coffin and placed on chairs for the friends to take a last look twentyfour veacles followed him; the services were conducted at the grave, the peakers were Bp. Pollard and Elias Morris. Addie attended both funerals I stayed at home all day

Monday 31st arose at 5.15. W clear and chilly helped with the weeks washing and housework. Addie called on Aunt Nancy found little Eli very sick of h[*blank*] fever. Read for the littl boys in the J.I.

June 1880

Tuesday 1st arose at 5.40. W. sunny and warm. About nine a.m. called on Sister Parker chated with her about the death of her Sons; returned home and did housework and repairing till 3.30. Sisters Foster and Willson called as teacher gave them 25 cts for the poor. At four p.m. went around the Block with Miss E. Beers. Came home at 6.30. Called on Sister Price and Effie proffered to sit up with little Eli came at 10 retired at 11.

Wensday 2nd was waked about 4. o'clock by Aunty Hannah requesting me and my Husband to come quickly little Eli is very ill. stayed with them all day and night. tried to sooth and comfort them; had the satifaction of doing so; Eli rested nicely.

Thursday 3rd came home at 7. found little Kate had been sick in the night. Did housework a.m. rested an hour or two attended Committee meeting Bp. presant had a good time. Took money and other things to Sister Willimas. Called on Eli came home at 5.30. sent provisions to the poor; read for the Children in the eve (A Mircalious Case of Healing)²² retired

22. G. W. Hill, "Cases of Miraculous Healing," *Juvenile Instructor*, February 15, 1880, 45. In this essay, Hill recounts the healings of a number of Native Americans upon baptism.

about ten very weary.

Friday 4th arose about six W. quite warm; did housework a.m. did repairing and millinary work. Addie, Nephi and George Joined the Ward and P.A. in a picnic up City Creek. Addie read for the Children (The Stolen Gold Piece) At eight 30. went to watch little Eli called on Effie; Eli suffers much. *Saturday 5th* came home between seven and eight, spent the day in cleaning did some millinery work. Read for the Children (A Faithful Sentinel) retired about ten feeling very tired.

Sunday 6th arose at 5.30. W. beautiful; worked till evenen; read and rested at 1.45. went with Addie Nephi George and Kate to the Tabernacle; Apostles W.W. Woodruff and Orson Pratt spoke beautifully on the principles of the Gospel. Nephi and George attended S.S. Addie attended eve meeting I read for the Children (A Life Skeeth) from the (Juvenile)²³

Monday 7th arose at 5. worked till 10. p.m. retired at 11. Sister Warwood called on business.

Tuesday 8th arose about 5. W warm then cold and cloudy. spent the day at Calders Farm.²⁴

Wensday 9th arose at 4.30 W. fine and chilly; continued house cleaning. Miss Kate [O'Keefe] Bowring Called. Called on [Ellen] Gay Balser who is dying.

Thursday 10th W. fine and chilly did millinary work, some housework; sat up with littl Eli Gay Balser died this a.m. Miss Mary ~~Friday~~ Clark was married this p.m. to Mr Willard Clawson had a grand wedding

Friday 11th little Eli no better had a bad night; from there called on Sister Ashton ate brakefast with her. Called on Effie Sister Duncanson Sister Parry & Sister Bales. Little Gay is a beautiful corpses. Came home at 12. m. rested half an hour; did housework p.m. Called on Aunt Nancy Eli was very ill came home about midnight

Saturday 12. arose at six did housework till 10 or 11. attended the funeral of Elen Gay Balser Daughter [blank] and [blank] Balser aged 15. years and six months Prest A.M. Cannon spoke in a very ernest manner his subjects wer grand from there called on Sister Clark whos Daughter was married on thursday was recived very cordially. Called on little Eli found him no better came home about 2. p.m. At 9.30. went to sit up with little Eli

23. B., "A Life Sketch: Containing a Few Moral Lessons," *Juvenile Instructor*, February 15, 1880, 44. This essay describes two faith-promoting experiences of the author. In the first, he is tempted to steal grain but refrains and finds that when he goes to sow the grain that he lawfully purchased, his grain has multiplied to be far more than he originally bought. In the second essay, the author prays to find some stolen horses, and the horses are recovered.

24. Calder's Park was a popular resort in the southeast region of Salt Lake City (west of Seventh East and south of Thirteenth South) that contained a small lake for boating. It was later renamed Wandamere. Fohlin, *Salt Lake City Past and Present*, 123.

Sunday 13 Eli no better; from there went to Effie's; went back to Aunt Nancy stayed till one, called on Sister Balser. At 2. p.m. attended Tabernacle accompanied by Addie Nephi Kate and George the peakers were Apostles C.C. Rich and O. Pratt. Misses Jane Lill and Kate Barlow called also Miss Lizzie Kimball. Addie and Nephi attended eve meeting the speakers were Apostle W.W. Woodruff and John Morgan Prest of Southern Mission Addie sat up with little Eli we retired at ten.

Monday 14th arose at six W clear and Bright washed bedding and wool read for the Children in the eve (Delta The Faithful)²⁵ retired soon after ten.

Tuesday 15th arose at 5.30. W. fine air chilly. did housework and millinery work; read for the Children finished (Delta The Faithful) Nephi read a chapter from the Bible. Misses Price and Parker called on business.

Wednesday 16th arose at 4. W. warm; did housework and millinery work; Sisters Warood and Russell called also Sister Emery. retired about ten

Thursday 17th arose at 5. W. warm did housework and millinery work. Cousin Annie called little Eli better. About dusk called on Sisters Russell and Price also also Aunt Nancy litt Eli better. Called on Sister Parker retired about 11.

Friday 18th arose at 4.10 W. warm and very windy attended Stake Society Conference in the (Assembly Hall) Wind and dust dreadful. Spent the afternoon at home rested some read some sewed Misses Price and Parker called on business Addie spent the afternoon at Calders Farm in company with Mr David Mr [blank] Rolands and Miss E Beers had an excelent time returned about 9. p.m. Between 11 and 12 Anty Hannah came and waked us up stateing that little Eli was worse, stayed all night with them, came home about eight o'clock; hard of the death of another little son of Sister Schearer of diptheria; was notified to make his clothes but it did not transpire so did housework a.m. rested one hour p.m. did sewing and housework. Addie attended P.A. and Y.L.M.I.A. retired about 11.

Sunday 20th arose before six W. beautiful, worked till 11. Addie Nephi George and Kate attended S.S. all but Nephi attended Tabernacle meeting Apostle Orson Pratt addressed us Addie attended evening meeting Nephi and I read a chaper in the Bible I read in the Juvenile for them Mr David Williams spent the eve with Addie

Monday 21st arose before 5. W. still charming; did kitchen a.m. continued housecleaning p.m. Sister Ridges called in the eve. Addie attended a strawberry supper at Bro George [Washington] Price's had a pleasant time.

Tuesday 22nd arose about six 30. W. fine, did housework p.m. in the a.m. attended a lecture at 2. p.m. at the theatre by Dr. Pratt Did sewing in the

25. "Delta the Faithful" is set in the ancient city of Herculaneum at the foot of Mount Vesuvius. In the story, Mount Vesuvius erupted and buried both cities, but many years later the skeleton of a faithful dog trying to guard a young boy from harm was unearthed. *Juvenile Instructor*, August 21, 1875, 200–201.

eve. Bros Reeves and Johnson called as teachers this eve had a long chat. My Husband left for Park City at 7. a.m. to day I retired about midnight *Wensday 23rd* arose before 5. W. fine; did housework and millinary work. my Husband came from Park City.

Thursday 24th arose at 5. W. warm. worked as yesterday. The second company of imigrants arrived this eve two little Boys that came in with them ate supper with us name respectfully Gardner and N. Thomas²⁶ Effie and Baby paid us a visit pleased to see see her able to be out again. Mr. G. Roberts was married also Bro Howlls

Friday 25th arose at 5. W. hot did housework and millinary work. Misses O and J. Parker called on business also Aunt Nancy. Addie attended P.A.

Saturday 26th arose at 5 W. warm did housework and millinary work; Bro Jones of Provo returning Missionary with the company who came in yesterday ate supper with us. I retired between 12 and 1.

Sunday 27th arose at 6. W. warm. Addie Nephi and George attended S.S. George and I attended Tabernacle Meeting. the speakers were B.F. Cummings G.Q. Cannon, and Pres Taylor. we retired about ten Mr. D Williams accompanied Addie home.

Monday 28th arose at 5.15 W. warm did a large washing and other work Aunt Hannah called also Mr Willard Burton. retired about 11.

Tuesday 29th arose about 5. weather increasing in heat. Did housework a.m. ironing p.m. Sisters Foster and Willson called as teachers gave them soap and money for the poor. Miss Beers also called; and Aunt Hannah came to say that her little Nephew of Salt Creek had been killed that day by a horse. We called on Aunt Nancy at night My Husband and our Daughters Addie and Nellie and our son Nephi started this a.m. for Park city

Wensday 30th 4.45. W. clear and warm; did housework and millinary work and visited my Block in behalf of the poor. Bro Evans presented me with a beautiful picture (The Lords Prayer) illustrated retired at eleven.

July 1880

Thursday July 1st arose at 5.20 did housework sent provisions to the poor. Took George & Kate to fast meting at ten a.m. spent noon hours with Effie and her dear one. At 2 p.m. started for Committee Meeting; called on little Eli fond him gaining. talked with Sister Brown on business. While at Committee meeting was appointed to visit the newcomers of the Ward as they shall arrive in connexion with Sister Pollard and Ballser. Took comforts to Grandmother Williams. On reaching home found a letter waiting

26. This company of 332 immigrants left England on June 5, 1880, on the steamship Wisconsin and arrived in Salt Lake City on June 25, 1880. *Chronology*, 106.

for me from Addie. Did some millinary work. Sister Kimbal called. Took the letter to Effie returned at 10 and retired.

Friday 2nd arose at 5.10 W. warm and dry wrote to Addie, did housework the rest of the day retired at 9.30.

Saturday 3rd arose at 3.30. cleaned thre rooms stairs and upper and lower hall and windows went to Stake Conference at ten Prest Taylor A.M. Cannon and J.E. Taylor Spoke. Attended p.m. meeting Apostle W. Woodruff and Elias Smith spoke. did shopping in town and returned at seven retired at ten

Sunday 4th arose at 5.5. W. very warm; took Kate and George and attended meeting at ten 30. the speakers wer S.H. Eldrige G. Romney and Miller Alwood 2. p.m. the speakers were Apostles J.F. Smith and Georg Q. Cannon the discourses wer beautiful and grand." came home at 5. retired at 9.

Monday 5th arose before between 9. and 10 went to see the procession with little Kate. George went with his father. Uncle Richard took us up to the Coop window we had a good sight; returned home at 11.30 thinking there was no place its rested and read in the afternoon Rachel Jenkins called. Retired about 11.

Tuesday 6th arose at 5.15 W warm and cloudy rain sprinkled for a moment or two Did the weeks washing and housework Aunt Hannah called we retired about ten.

Wensday 7th arose about 5. W. warm and dry; did housework all day retired at 9.

Thursday 8th arose at 4.40 W. as useual; did housework and ironing retired at 11. Sister Margret [Margaret Morgan] Powell Wife of Reece Powell died this a.m. between eight and nine oclock. Recived a letter from Ad.

Friday 9th arose at 5. W very hot. Did housework and sewing. At 3. p.m. attended the furnarel of Sister Powell the peakers were Elders Thos Jereme and Elias Morris. This eve my Husband recived a telegram stating that His Brotherinlaw Edward Parry of Cedar City was not expected to live. Answered Addie's letter also sent a note to Nephi; retired at 11.

Saturday 10th arose at 5:30. worked in the garden did sewing and housework and went up town. retired at 11.

Sunday 11th arose at 5.15 W. cold and cloudy. At 2 p took George and Kate and attended Tabernacle meeting Bros George Teasdale and W. Woodruff spoke exelently. Called on Bro and Sister Pollard on Committee Business, supped with Effie came home at seven. read for George in the Juvenile (The Eagle and the Baby)²⁷ retired at 10

27. Set in Scotland, the story tells of a large eagle that swooped down and snatched a baby and brought it to its nest in the cliffs. A young boy then scaled the cliffs and rescued the baby from the eagle's nest. "The Eagle and the Baby," *Juvenile Instructor*, May 10, 1873, 77-78.

Monday 12th arose at 4.40 W. cold but clear winter clothing pleasan Did the weeks washing and housework. my Neice Mrs. Aggie Ridges called read for little Georg (Paul Hampton's Good Luck)²⁸ retire soon after 9.

Tuesday 13th arose at 5.30 W. chilley did housework a.m. sewing p.m. recived a letter from Addie and Nephi answered both. Read for little George (Gideons Fleece)²⁹ retired at 11.

Wensday 14th arose at 4.50 W. cool a.m. hot p.m. Did housework sewing and ironing. Mr and Mrs Jameson of Park City called. retired at 11

Thursday 15th arose at six 15. W. fine. Visited some new comers in connection with Sister Pollard returned at 12.15 did some sewing before starting at 9.20. At two p.m. attended sewing meeting. At 5. p.m. visited the poor family again accompanied by Sister Foster who could speak their language; took them some cloth. Returned at six did some housework and millinery work went down to Effie's for the Children Mr Jameson and his friend stayed with us again we retired at 11 we called on Aunt Hannah and Nancy heard of the death of Sister Kimballs baby. Also of a little Boy of Mrs Elsworth. presented Effie and Sister Ashton with a card written to the memory of little Jessee who died about two years ago³⁰ *Fried*

Friday 16th arose at 5.40. did housework and millinary work. Bro and Sister Jameson left for Ogden. My neibour Sister [Mary Margaret] Jane Morgan is very sick;

Saturday 17th arose at 5.10 did millinary work and housework. Called on Sister Morgan who is still very sick. Went up town; returned and met Sister Duncanson helped her wash and anoint Sister Morgan, Sister Janet Griggs assisting us. She recived instant relief, kissed and embraced us fervently, arose and dressed herself but in the eve grew worse. We retired at ten 30.

Sunday 18th arose at 6.15 W. hot and sultry; worked till twelve, read and rested, at two took George and Kate to the Tabernacle Bro Orson Pratt spoke on marrage. In the eve, Edward and little sweet Eddie called then Effie and Baby folloed, called on Sister Morgan after they retired. We retired at ten.

28. This story tells of a young man named Paul Hampton, who found a pocketbook filled with money on the ground. He returned it to its owner and received a large reward. "Paul Hampton's Good Fortune," *Juvenile Instructor*, March 15, 1873, 47–48; *Juvenile Instructor*, March 29, 1873, 51.

29. This is the biblical story of Gideon, who according to the story was chosen by the Lord to help deliver Israel from the Midianites. At first Gideon did not believe the angel sent to him to tell him of his mission, but after the Lord fulfilled his request to find a wet fleece on dry ground and a dry fleece on wet ground, he accepted the mission. "Gideon's Fleece," *Juvenile Instructor*, August 30, 1873, 137–38.

30. Jessie Pearl Morris, the daughter of Elias Morris and his first wife Mary Parry, died at age two on August 16, 1878. The card Mary Lois spoke of probably contained a poem titled "A Tribute to the Memory of Little Jessie Pearl Daughter of Elias and Mary P. Morris," which Mary Lois wrote about Jessie at the time of her death. Morris, *A Few Thoughts of Mary L. Morris: Dedicated to Her Children*, 23–24.

Monday 19th arose at 4.40. W. very hot; did housework caned fruit did sewing; Sister [Anna Maria Biehl] Rudy called ~~on~~ on business. I called on Sister Price on business; called on little Eli found him sitting up. I recived a very pleasant call from Sister Rowe, pleased to see her happy and prosperous. Retired about ten.

Tuesday 20th arose at 5.40. W. very hot; did housework repairing and washing. My Husband's other Wife taken sick of fever. Retired at ten

Wensday 21st arose at 3.30 W. very hot; did housework finished washing made seven sacks and twelve sacks called on Sister Morgan who is still very sick. Retired about 11.

Thursday 22nd arose about six. W. intencely hot. Did housework and a good deal of millinary work; Aunt Hannah called yester day, little Eli quite sick yet.

Friday 23rd arose at 4.40. W very hot. did housework and millinery work and went up town my Daughter Addie and Son Nephi arrived from Park City in good health. I worked late on a hat retired at 2 p.m.

Saturday 24th arose at 5.5 at 8.45 went to see the Prosesion which was the grandest I ever saw in my life, supposed to be two miles and a long. from their went to eat ice cream with Uncle Hugh and His Wife and Children. Saw the Prosesion pass again. Went to the Tabernacle the entertainment there was grand yea sublimely Grand."³¹ dismissed just before three Effie and Husband and Babies called Father took us and them out riding retired about 11.

Sunday 25th arose at six 20 W. very hot. Worked till after twelve at 2. p.m. attended Tabernacle meeting which is still beautifully decorated. Apostle E. Snow continued the subject of yesterday, in an intencely intresting manner. returne about 5. p.m. called on Sister morgan in the eve, who seemes some better. Mr. D. Williams called in the eve; brought Addie home stayed the eve I retired between 11. and 12. A horrible death occurred today about ~~noon today~~ in the 16th Ward. a man his wife and children were burned by an oil can explodeing one child is dead the others ly very ~~low~~ low

Monday 26th arose at 4.10 to wake my Husband to take the early train for Frisco retired for an hour or two then did some repairing. At 8.30 my Daughter Addie and Son Nephi and my Husbands other family started for Park City. Spent most of the day in sewing did some housework. retired about ten.

31. Utah's Pioneer Day is celebrated annually on July 24. In 1880, the parade for this occasion was three miles in length. The surviving Pioneers of 1847 rode at the front of the parade, followed by wagons featuring the historical events of the LDS church and the church's present activities. During the services held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle after the parade, Orson Pratt, the church historian, listed the twenty-five countries in which the church had missionaries, and representatives of these countries displayed their national flags. *Comp. History*, 5:617–19.

Tuesday 27th arose about 5. W chilly rained durement the night did the weeks washing, and housework. W. raining some and cloudy windy and thundering. Miss Lizzie Kimball called. My Husband returned from Frisco. also Fancy [Rosa Frances Morris] Ernest and Albert [Conway Morris] from Park City retired about ten.

Wensday 28th arose 5.20 W. sill chilley rained some did a good deal of cleaning some sewing assisted in washing and anointing Sister Morgan. left her quite comfortable. Sisters P. Kimball and Mary Grey did the principal part Sister Bowlden moved into the room formally occupied by Sister Rowe retired between nine and ten

Thursday 29th arose at 4.10. W. cold did some repairing, and the weeks ironing, prepare food for the immigrants who came in to day. retired at 9. *Friday 30th* arose at 4.20. W. warmer, did housework and dress makeing retired at 9.30 Aunty Hannah called little Eli still sick retired between 9. and 10.

Saturday 31st arose before 5. W. very hot continued dressmakeing. Sister Janet Griggs called had quite a chat with her. Went up town in the eve returned at dusk; retired at 9.30.

Sunday

August 1880

Sunday 1st arose at 5. W. still very hot; worked till 11.30. read and rested. attended Tabernacle Meeting Orson Pratt spoke grandly came home and read feeling very very tired took little Kate and George with me, we retired at 9.

Monday 2nd arose at 4:15 W. hot did the weeks washing and a good deal of cleaning retired about ten.

Tuesday 3rd arose before 5. W. very hot. Ironed and cleaned the cellar; did some coloring. wrote a letter to Addie and Nephi retired at 11.

Wensday 4th arose at 5.10 did housework, worked among fruit made Jelly, did sewing; Aunt Hannah called retired at 11. My Husband started for Park City accompanied by Miss Lizzie Kimball. Sisters Foster & Willson called as teachers gave 25 cts for the poor)

Thursday 5th arose at 4.30 W. very hot did housework and sewing at 8.30 took little Kate and visited my Block; haveing sent little George with donations for the poor. At ten a.m. went to Fast Meeting came home at 12. at 3. p.m. attended Committee meeting at 4. went up town; at 5. accompanied by Sisters Balser and A Duncanson vistied a family of new comers. Supped with Effie foud her and family well came home about eight did some more work. Bro Reeves called as teacher chatted with him several

hours on principle; paid 2.00 as Temple donation retired between 12. & 1. Johnnie Lloyd was married to day.

Friday 6th arose at 5.30 W. very hot Called on Sister Kimball. recived clothing and sent it to ~~the~~ Sister Saley the lady whom we visited yesterday. Took comforts to Grandmother Williams. came home about 11. did house work and made 34 sacks. Felt very anxious over little Kate may God preserve her from all harm

Saturday 7th arose before 5. W. very hot mornings and evenings cool. Worked in the garden till about eight. Went up town saw my Sister whil up town. came home at thre 30 did housework and some millinary work retired at ten 30

Sunday 8th arose about six W. very hot worked till 11s read and rested, at 2. p.m. attended Tabernacle meeting took little Kate, Bro C.W. Penrose delivered an excelent discourse on the reserection. attended evening meeting took Kate and george Bro Penrose addressed us again in a delightfull manner. Called on Effie after meeting came at 9.30. This morning Sister Bell Russell Johnson presented her Husband with two verry fine Sons. Yesterday Dr. Tanner finished his forty days fast in good condition; he has walked unassisted every day, and rode and recived company. water alone has sustained him.³²

Monday 9th arose at 5.15. W. as useaul. Did the weeks washing and housework. Aunt Hannah called retired about 9.30. very tired.

Tuesday 10th arose about 5. did housework all day went for a ride with my Husband and little George in the eve. Retired at ten; the wind blowing fearfully durement the night.

Wensday 11th arose at 5.5 W. Windy cloudy and dusty did housework and ironing recived a letter from Addie and a note from Nephi. little May Ridges called; Aunt called in the eve. I retired about midnight

Thursday 12th arose at 5.45. W. somewhat threatening. At ten 30 took Kate and met Effie and Babe called to see Bell Johnson's beautiful twins all doing well. spent the rest of the day at Sister Ridges in company with many friends sewing carpet rags. came home earley, prepared supper wrote to Addie and Nephi retired about midnight. Recived a poster card from my Brother.

Friday 13th arose at 4.45. W. windy. did housework and sewing retired at nine.

Saturday 14th arose at 5. W. hot cloudy tried to rain; did housework and went up town; saw Sister How who requested me to call and see her Sister

32. Dr. Tanner concluded his forty-day fast on August 7, 1880. During the fast, which was widely reported in newspapers, he consumed only water and lost thirty-six pounds. About two thousand people in Salt Lake City visited the hall where he was located on the day he concluded his fast. *Deseret Evening News*, August 7, 1880.

whom I have not seen for nearly thirty years; Retired at ten.

Sunday 15th arose at six W. not quite so hot. did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle meeting p.m. Bro Orson Pratt delivered a grand discourse. on the Temple in Jackson Co Missouri.³³ Aunt Hannah called three times durement the day was troubled over property affairs. Took little Kate and George with me to p.m. and eve meeting. George attended S.S. we retired at nine Born to the Wife of Wm. S. Burton August 14th 1880 twin Daughters, one is dead. mother very poorly. Poor Willie nearly eight years ago he lost his darling Wife immediately after giving birth to their first Child a Daughter also.³⁴

Monday 16th arose at 4.40 W moderateing a little cool ~~cool~~ morn and eve did the weeks washing and some sewing. retired at ten 30.

Tuesday 17th arose at 4.45. W. cloudy rained some in the eve. Made twenty sacks, did housework and the weeks ironing, and some cutting out. Bro Parry of Ogden called from the trains. I have heard this eve that my little Grandson is sick. I retired at 12.30 midnight

Wensday 18th arose at 5.20 W. as usual did housework, cut and worked on a skirt; did some reparing retired at ten

Thursday 19th arose at 5.35. W delightful morn and eve hot durement the day. At 11. a.m. started out to visit the new comer. After calling on Sister Balser and my Daughter Effie and sending a note to Sister Pollard her and I and Sister Balser really began calling on those of the last company of Saints who have made their home in this Ward. commenced at 1. p.m. finished about four. reached home at five. At seven took little George and Kate with me to call on Sister How who had asked me to call and see her Sister Mrs Thorp a lady whom I had not seen for nearly thirty years. While there met Aunt Mary Pratt who told us of the death of Bro Oliver Free. who was cut and gashed with a reaping Machene 10 days ago died at ten this a.m. came home at nine retired at ten 30. The S.S. had a trip to Lake to day and a dance in the Ward hall and picnic in Johnsons Grove to night.

Friday 20th arose before 5. W. ~~as it was~~ calm and pleasant. did housework

33. In this address, Orson Pratt spoke of the New Jerusalem and the Old Jerusalem, "two glorious cities to be built upon the earth in the last days," and compared the prophesies about these cities in the Book of Mormon and in Revelations. Jackson County, Missouri, is believed by the LDS church to be the New Jerusalem, where Jesus Christ will appear at his second coming. *Deseret Evening News*, August 16, 1880.

34. William Shipley Burton's first wife, Julia Marie Horne (1851–1872) died on November 26, 1872, while giving birth to the couple's only child, Julia Horne Burton. The young child, Julia Horne Burton, died eleven months later on October 24, 1873. In 1879, William Burton married a second wife, Eloise Crismon (1857–1904). The twins mentioned in Mary Lois's diary entry were their first children. The twin who survived was Evadna Burton (1880–1923), but the other twin's name is not recorded in the Family History Library.

swed most of the day; Aunt lavinia and little Vinnie Vaughan called in the eve. Recived two letters from Addie. answered them retired at ten leaving the letter unfinished.

Saturday 21st arose at 6. W. fine; did housework and transacted Business up town; Aunt Hannah called p.m. retired at ten.

Sunday 22nd arose at 5.20 W. as yesterday called on Aunt Hannah for a few minutes worked till 11. read and rested at 2. p.m. attended Tabernacle meeting the speakers were John Morgan and Prest Taylor. Prest A.M. Cannon spoke in our Ward. retired at nine.

Monday 23rd arose at 6.30. W cloudy and threatening did the weeks wash and housework and entertained company. My friend Mrs. Clara Loverag called. and Her Husband afterwards. We retired between 9. and ten. ~~For~~

Tuesday 24th arse at 5.40. W fine did the ironing and housework and some sewing retired between ten and eleven. Recved a letter from Addie.

Wensday 25th arose at 5.45 W. as yesterday; made a pair of pants for George and began a pair for Nephi. Miss Williams called in the afternoon. Aunt Hannah in the eve. George and Kate and I called on Effie at night little Eddie well. this a.m. at 7. my husband left for Montana to be gone for two months with his Son Elias and four of his workmen. his other Wife and Babe accompanied Him they all went with the Firemens excurton. We retired about ten.

Thursday 26th arose at 3.45. W. much cooler worked on Nephi's pants most of the day finished them at 5. p.m. Recived ~~an~~ a letter from Addie and answered it. Johnnie came home from the Park this eve with Will Brimly. Retired about ten 30.

Friday 27th arose at 5.15. days growing shorter and cooler. Worked on a dress all day wrote to Nphi; retired at 9. o'clock

Saturday 28th arose about six W as useual sewed most of the day 3. p.m. went to the 14th Ward meeting met my Sister and Neice Mrs Pratt and Eldredge transacted business up town came home at six retired at ten 30 Miss Jane Barlow called. Little Kate very feverish this eve and night.

Sunday 26th arose at 6.25. W. cool and breezey little Kate rather better worked ~~one~~ till one took little George and Kate to Tabernacle meeting Bro Naisbit spoke exelently. took the children to Ward meeting the speakers were Levi W. Hancock and A.M. [Amos Milton] Musser My Sister abode with us over night the rain sprinkled durement the day. Sister and I and the Children called on Effie after meeting found them well and happy. We retired about 11.

Monday 30th arose at 6. heavy rain durement the night rather cold this a.m. visited with my sister this a.m. had a good time did the weeks washing this p.m. Aunt Hannah called we retired at nine. recved a letter from Addie.

Tuesday 31 arose at 4.45 W. cold sewed till six; did housework the rest of the day. Effie called this a.m. we retired at nine 15.

September 1880

1st arose at 4.35. W. chilly and fine did sewing and ironing visited the Block took little Kate with me we retired soon after nine. Sisters Foster and Willson called as teachers gave comforts to the poor

Thursday 2nd arose at 4.30 W. fine did housework and some cutting out at ten attended fast meeting called on Miss Parker and Sister Morgan. also Aunt Hannah and Effie. At 2 p.m. went to committee meeting; after that called on Sister Hull who arrived in the last company of Saints. Took comforts to Sister Williams came home at seven; wrote to Addie and retired at ten 30. Sent little Georg and Kate with fast donations this a.m.

Friday 3rd arose at 4.30. W. fine did housework and sewing went up town in the eve. Sister Speight called. ye last night my neibour Sister John [Mary A.] Smith presented her Husband with a beautifull daughter. Uncle Hugh came in from Park City. We retired about ten.

Fri Saturday 4th arose before 5. W. fine. Worked most of the day on a carpet for the dineing room Aunt Hannah assisting me. I recived a letter from addie my Daughter and one from my Husband. Uncle Hugh went back to the Park this am. takeing a hansom presant to Nephi of a drawing slate and its appendages. Another of my neibour Mrs Richard [Eliza E.] Smith presented her Husband with twin daughters this a.m. Sister Terry lost a little Boy of diptheria. We retired at 9.15.

Sunday 5th arose at 4.30. W fine and warm; worked till after ten, read and rested; at 1.45 went with the Ward to meet Prest Hays and Party.³⁵ came home at 5 very tired spent the eve at home wrote to my Husband in answer to the letter I recved on saturday a.m. Apostle J.F. Smith preached in our Ward this eve. We retired at 11.30.

Monday 6th arose at about 5. W. fine did the weeks washing and housework; called on Sister Kimball relative to the reception of Prest Hays and party held at the Walker House. the same left our City at 12.55 this p.m. retired soon after nine.

Tuesday 7th arose before six feeling very tired made 12 sacks by 7. did housework and ~~sewin~~ fruit drying and attended to little George who is rather poorly with cold feaver and sore throat. Sister Mcalister called retired about 9.30.

Wednesday 8th arose before six W. very warm did housework and ironing and made 12 sacks. Called on Cousin Wm C. and Diantha found them from home. Went down to Aunts Hannah and Nancy spent half an hour

35. On September 5 and 6, 1880, U.S. President Rutherford B. Hayes, the president's wife, Lucy Hayes, and General William Sherman visited Salt Lake City. It was hoped that President Hayes's "coming into contact with the people might correct the president's judgment on Utah affairs." *Comp. History*, 5:611.

very pleasantly little Eli able to walk with his Mothers help. Came home about nine retired about ten Prest Hays and Wife and party left at 1.30 on Monday leveing pleasant recolections behine haveing taken special pains to converge with Prest Taylor and party coming from and going to Ogden³⁶

Thursday 9th arose at 5.30 W. still quite warm Did some millinery work made a dress for Kate attended sewing meeting visited the new School house called on Sister Speight recived a letter from Addie and Nephi answered Addie's retired at 10.30.

Friday 10th arose at 5.30. W. still very warm. recived another letter from Addie answered it and Nephi's of yesterday. Did housework and millinary work in the eve called on Cousins Wm C. and Dianthia Morris. Went down to see Effie but found she had gone to a surprise party held at the house of Bro Griggs gotten up in behalf of Bro Wm R. Jones a young Gntleman of our Ward who is called on a mission to Europe. Came home about nine myself and Children very tired we retired about ten.

Saturday 11th arose at 5. W. fine air rather chilly about seven went up town to transact business, returned about 11 called to see Sister Eliza Smith's Babies. felt almost sick with fatiage did some repairing soon after 2 p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting the spirit of God was poured out upon the sisters several spoke in tounges and the interpretation was given. came home at 5.30 retired at ten 30

Sunday 12th arose at 5.15. air quite chilly sunshine warm worked till 11. read and rested at 2. p.m attended Tabernacle meeting the speaker was Apostle Albert Carington came home at 4.30 wrote to my Brother; attended Ward meeting the speakers were Wm. R. Jones who starts tomorrow on his mission and Elders John Midgley and Roral [Royal Barney Sagers] Young they spoke in an exelent manner had much of the spirit of God. Called on Sister Eccles where I had lef my letter finished it directed two card to my Brother accompanying the letter which I had written to him; took them to Cousin Diantha who starts for St George in the morning. Retired at 11.

Monday 13th arose at 5. W. warm. did housework millinery work and sewing composed some verses for little Clara [Claire Isabel] Bockholt's birthday to which George and Kate went. We retired betwee eight and nine very very tired

Tuesday 14th arose at 5.30 W. fine did housework fruit drying and preserving retired at 11.

36. Three railroad cars containing prominent Utah citizens and church leaders were attached to President Hayes's train as it departed from Salt Lake City. Soon after leaving Salt Lake, Hayes "entered the rear cars and after shaking hands with all, took a seat near President John Taylor and remained conversing with him until the train neared Ogden." *Comp. History*, 5:614.

Wensday 15th arose at 5.30 W. fine did the weeks washing and housework.
Thursday 16th arose at 4. sewed till 6.30 a.m. cloudy began raining about 4 p.m. rained till midnight. Did housework ironing and preserveing. Attended a grand Concert in our new Meeting house came home at 11 took little Kate & Gerrg; retired at 12.

Friday 17th arose at 5.15. sill raining did housework ironing and sewing. Jesse Morris of Weber called. I retired at 10

Saturday 18th arose at 5.15. W. drizzling. did housework sewing tranated business up town convrsed one hour with Bro Evans at the shop on Church Affairs. Went to the Court House and registered my name as the Daughter of a naturalized Cit.³⁷ hunted ~~for the~~ 6 from 7. till 10. retired at 11.

Sunday 19th arose at 5.40 W. [*illegible word*] and fine. Worked all morning at 2 p.m. took Kate and George to the Tabernacle. We were addressed by Apostle Orson Pratt who said in the course of his remarks that fifty years ago to day he was baptized into the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints. And sixty nine years ago to day he was born into the World. And that next wensday Sept. 22nd it will be fifty three years scince Joseph Smith recived the plates containing the Book of Mormon—his discours was very Grand bour a strong testimony to many great events that will come to pass and which the faithful will see. Attended eve meeting in the new Meetinghouse which was Jamed the speakers were C.W. Penrose & J.F. Smith. Retired at 10.30.

Monday 20th arose at 5.45. W. fine did the weeks washing and housework retired at 9.

Tuesday 21st arose at 4.30. did sewing house cleaning and painting did some writing in the eve; Sister Rhodes came in and chatted for an hour. We retired at 11.30

Wensday 22nd arose at [*blank*] W. warm sewed till six painted most of the day did a good deal of cleaning in the eve Jeddie Ashton called in the eve retired at 9.30

Thursday 23rd arose at 4.30 did some cutting out till six at nine called on Sister Clark presented her with a card containing verces of my own composition. Called on Effie and Aunt Nancy came home at noon at 4. p.m. attended a birthday party being his fiftieth year came home at midnight.

Friday 24th arose before six called on Aunt Nancy, did house work and ironing recved a note from Addie and answered it stayed all night With Aunt Eliza who was confined on the 22nd inst at ten 40. of a fine Son she

37. Mary Lois and her parents, William Gibson Walker and Mary Godwin, emigrated from England to the United States in 1850. As Mary Lois's mother died a year after their arrival, it was most likely her father who became a naturalized citizen of the United States.

has had a very critical time and is still in great pain.

25th left Aunt Eliza about 6.30 called on my Nephew Wm C. Morris reached home before seven. at nin road up town with Bro Evans road back with Bro Bockholt continued painting. Recived a call from my little Neices Crla bell, Lewie and Beatrice; who brought me a book of poms by Mrs Mary J. Tanner just out.³⁸ At 3.30 attended Y.L.M.I. Society in the Assembly Hall took little Kate and Georg with me; though very late going in was well repaid for it; Bro J.E. Taylor spoke beautifully and affectionately as workers of good in the midst of the Saints incrouged us to look well after our Children and watch our sons strictly and by our love and faith draw them in the straight and narrow path. Transcasted business in town was accompanied ~~home~~ on the way home by my dear friend Miss Emma Williams. Reached home at six. Varnished nine chairs and with the proffered help of my neibour Sister Rhodes put down the new carpet in the dineing room; which looks very bright fine and pretty feel payed for all my time expence and trouble. Retired at ten 30.

Sunday 26th arose at [blank] W. very fine a little chilly; walked about tow hours after the cow, fasted to day, worked till near one o clock rested 15. minutes attended Tabernacle meeting with little Kate. George attended S.S and spent the ~~day~~ p.m. with Effie. Georg and Lizzie Ashton recoved from diptheria. The peakers this p.m. were Elder Peter Reid returned Missionary and Apostle O. Pratt. The furth Company of Saints arrived at [blank] We spent the eve at home being almost sick with weariness. Sister Rhodes called in the eve. retired at 11.

Monday 27th arose at 5. W. fine frost on the ground repaired some clothing till seven. did the weeks washing and composed some vercs did housework and worked on a shirt for Nephi, retired at 9.30

Tuesday 28th arose at 5. W. fine. sewed till after six. did housework and made six sacks a.m. and did some writeing, p.m. prepared fruit for drying recived a letter from Addie; retire at 10.30

Wensday 29th arose at 4.10 W. fine. Made twelve sacks before breakfast; did house cleaning painting and putting down carpet retired at 11.

Thursday 30th arose at 3.15. W. beautiful. Copied the verces I had composed from slate to paper; then wrote them ~~from~~ on gilt edged paper enclosed them in an envelope and carried them to Bro James Barlo the exptant Bridegroom, congratulated him and asked him to bear them to his lady love that is to become his Bride to day. It gives one great pleasure to be able to express ones feelings to thoes we love and respect especially when it is met with a hearty responce I had a very favourable opertuneity of giveing them him privately. received a letter from my

38. Mary J. Tanner, *A Book of Fugitive Poems* (Salt Lake City: J. C. Graham and Co., 1880).

Brother. At 1.30. my Daughter Addie arrived from the Park and Nephi after an abecense of three months with the exception of comeing in for the 24th of July. accompanied Addie and Kate down to Effie's called on Aunt Eliza found her better. Came home at 5.30 Bro Reeves called as teacher. retired at 10.30.

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1st Friday arose at 4.45. W. still very fine. rather sultry. did housework most of the day. some sewing. Sister Rhodes was seized with a sad sweeling in her face to day it has reached down as far as her throat to night went in and tried to help her retired at 11.15.

Saturday Friday 2nd arose at 5.15 W. very fine did housework spent most of the day putting down fruit. Addie out most of the day; Miss Lizzie Kimball called in the eve. Sister Rhodes confined to bed took breakfast to her this a.m. Retired at 10.30.

Sunday 3rd arose at six W. quite warm. Sister Rhodes no better took nurishment and niceites dureing the day. ~~Addi~~ Addie George and Nephi attended S.S. I attended Tabernacle meeting the speakers were Elders Furgeson and Naisbet. I spent the eve at home with the Children, retired at nine

Monday 4th arose at 4.30 W. lovely. sewed till 6.30 did housework and painting repared the parlor carpet. In the eve played blindmans Buff with the children³⁹ retired about ten.

Tuesday fifth arose at 3.45 W. fine made nine sacks and did other sewing; made a hat over and trimed it, Attended a concert in the ward in the eve accompanied by Addie Nephi George and Kate came home before 11. retired at 12.

Wensday 6th arose at 6.30. W. delightful. Did housework and attended General Con a.m. the speakers were Apostles C.C. Rich L. Snow G.Q. Cannon and Prest Taylor. meeting ajorned till tomorrow 10 o'clock. Transcated business up town came home about 2. o'clock paid other five dollar donation to the P.E.F. did some cutting out and sewing and housework. retired at 9.30

Thursday 7th about 6 W. rather windy and dusty Addie Kate and I attended a.m. meeting the speakers were Apostles A. Carrington and W. Woodruff. meeting p.m. the statistical reports of the Church were read; then Prest J.T.D. Mcalister gave very good council and intresting discourse. came home about five retired before nine, converced with the Children at some

39. Blindman's buff is a game in which a blindfolded player tries to catch and identify one of the other players.

length on the subject of Abraham offering up Isaac as a sacrifice they listned with great attention, little George was much affected wept bitterly *Friday 8th* arose at 5.30 W. threating. I read till six 30. did housework and with little George attended a.m. meeting Apostle F.D. Richards spoke in a very intresting manner on the Missionary work. Bro G.Q. read a report of donations to the Manti and Logan Temples. p.m. meeting Apostle O. Pratt delivered a grand historical account of the work of God in the earley days of the world. occupied the afternoon. Reached about 4.30 did some sewing. Questioned the Children on the subject of last evening, played blindman buff with them for a while did some more sewing and read a skecth from the life of Prest Jededi M. Grant from the (Juvenile)⁴⁰ after they had retired. Retired at ten

Saturday 9th arose at 4.30 raining steadily, did writeing sewing and housework, attended meeting at 10. we had a beautiful discourse from Apostles Moses Thacther [Thatcher] on forgiveing each other and keeping humble. Bro Wells followede. Called at the Office transacted business in town reached home soon after one. After a good deal of difculty reached the Tabernacle at 3:30 Bro Joseph Young had been speaking, a great many Elders were called on missions. Apostles J.F. Smith spoke for a few minutes in an excelent manner on the same subject as Bro Thacther this a.m. transacted more business in town little Kate and George being with me; reached home about 5.30 retired before nine.

Sunday 10th arose at 6.30 quite a snow fall dureing the night. Addie Nephi George and Kate attended a.m. Meeting Apostle O Pratt addressed us on the history of the Church and the order of the preisthood. 2. p.m. the following changes were effected and voted for; Prest John Taylor as Prest of the Church George Q. Cannon and J.F. Smith his Councilors. Apostle W. Woodruff as Prest of the Twelve, Bro F.M. [Francis Marion] Lyman and John Henry Smith filling up the vacant places came in the courum by the change Prest Taylor and W. Woodruff addressed us and conference closed all the votes which were takes by each courum separately were anust. Spent the eve at home; questioned the Children on the life of Joseph who was sold into Egypt retired at 9.30

Mondy 11th arose at six W. cold ~~wet~~ and windy did housework all day; my old friend Margret Williams of Cha Cache Valley accompanied by a Daughter presented her with two cards of my own composeing. Miss Lizzie Kimball called on Addie ths p.m. About seven this p.m. my Sister called spent a pleasant eve retired an hour after midnight

Tuesday 12th arose at seven W. fine but rather cold; my Sister started for home at 11 this a.m. accompanied by Aunt Phoebe [E. Soper] Pratt whom

40. This essay describes J. M. Grant's experiences as a missionary in southwest Virginia. T. B. Lewis, "Anecdotes of Elder Grant," *Juvenile Instructor*, October 1, 1880, 218.

my Sister is taking with her to visit. Did some sewing housework nearly all day; did some writing in the eve retired at nine

Wensday 13th arose at 6. W fine did housework and sewing this a.m. Addie George and Kate went with me to see Effie, called on Sister Ashton and Aunt Eliza returned about nine yesterday Sept 12 our friend and neibour Bro J M. [James Mott] Barlow Jr. started on his mission to the Southern States.

Thursday 14th arose at 6.15. W. cold and windy did housework and worked amongst the rug and paper rags went to sewing meeting p.m. had a pleasant time. Bennie Labaron Son of my old friend Esther Labron was married to his cousin Miss [blank] Johnson. Took Nephi and George to see little Eli this eve took him a little preent. Came before nine retired before ten

Friday 15th arose at 5.20 W. pleasant did housework a.m. p.m. Effie and her sweet babes came to visit us; in the eve Bro Jones and Uncle Hugh called on business. recived a letter from my Husband retired at ten

Saturday 16th arose at 5.30 W fine did housework all day Uncle Hugh called on business I retired at ten 30

Sunday 17th arose before 5. read till 6 at 11 sat down to read; at 2. p.m. attended Tabernacle meeting the speakers were Milo Andrews and George Q. Cannon. they delighted us power of God which was upon them came home at 4.20 ~~was~~ had a time of enjoyment reading again in the Juvenile Instructor. Had two hours worriment with the cow who had been away four days. Took Kate and George and went to ward meeting. came home before nine retired at ten

Monday 18th arose at 5.20 W. fine read till six washed beding most of the day read for the children in the eve from the Juvenile Ins. about an esqumoux family,⁴¹ retired at nine.

Tuesday 19th arose at 4. read till after 5. did some repairing; did housework a.m. worked on a rug p.m. read for the Children in the eve, from J.I. A Reminscence by W.C.S.⁴² retired at 9.30

Wensday 20th arose at 5.40 W. fine did housework most of the day at 2.30 attended the funeral of Bro Thomas Mathews who died [blank] the speakers were G. Bywater S.L. Evans and David Williams he was praised all that a mortal could be praised. Came home at four; read for the Children in J.I. as we did last eve retired at 9.30

Thursday 21st arose before 5. read till six. did housework most of the day, did

41. This essay describes the living situation and dress of Eskimos and excerpts a passage written by an explorer who visited Eskimos on his travels. "Esquimaux," *Juvenile Instructor*, October 1, 1880, 217–18.

42. This essay describes the author's experience of being ill and making plans for his burial. According to the essay, when he put his pen to paper, he received a revelation from the Lord saying that he would live, and the revelation proved true. W. C. S., "A Reminiscence," *Juvenile Instructor*, October 1, 1880, 219.

some cloroing the children attended singing school in the eve retired at 9.30. *Friday 22nd* arose at 5.15. W. fine read from 5.30 till 6. did housework till 10. did millinary till 4. did housework afterwards Addie attended P.A. read for the children in the (J.I) did some writing after they had retired; did so myself at nine.

Saturday 23rd arose at 5.5 W. lovely. read till six did housework till nine; did millinary work till five, called on Sister Morgan on business spent the eve in attending to the Elders. retired at ten 30

Sunday 24th arose at 5.15. W. mild and cloudy, had a good time reading till 6.30. Addie Nephi and George attended rehearsal at the Tabernacle for S.S. Jubalee. I attended Tabernacle meeting the speakers were Apostles O. Pratt and E. Snow. Sister Gardner accompanied me there and back. Addie, Nephi and George attended evening meeting Kate and I spent the eve at home after being dressed for meeting retired at 10.30

Monday 25th arose at 4.35 W. cloudy and mild, sewed from 5 till six; did housework and some sewing a.m. transacted business up town p.m. saw my Sister while up town read for the children in the eve (a reminiscence Addie went to hear Moody and Sandy retired at 8.30

Tuesday 26th arose at 3.30 wrote till 6.30 did housework ~~am~~ a.m. p.m. cut out a back and worked on it did housework again read for the Children (a reminiscence) wrote to my brother this a.m. before day light retired ~~before~~ at nine 30.

Wensday 27th arose at 6.15. W warm. worked on a dress most of the day told a story to the Children in the eve about crossing the plain, retired at 9.30

Thursday 28th arose at 6.30 did housework and sewing a.m. p.m. attended sewing meeting did a good work and had a peasant time Called on Sister Lidia Bockholt who has a lovely Babe one month old her home is the picture of order and comfort. from there ~~there~~ went to Sister Christei [Christina Oliver] Bockholt found her well with a happy prospect; her home too is the picture of order and comfort. Came home at dark read two chapters of (A Reminiscence) for the children. Did some writing Sister Rhodes came in on business; retired at 10.30 Addie recived a letter from her Father

Friday 29 arose at 5.15. W. fine W. snowed yesterday was blustery and disagreeable. Read till six. at 4. o'clock this a.m a fire broke out in Morris & Evans Brick yard⁴³ distroyed one thousand dollars worth of property;

43. The fire burned Morris & Evans's brickyard, located near Eighth South and Third West, in which firebrick was manufactured. According to the newspaper account, "[t]his morning at about twenty minutes after five o'clock, the several bells of this city began pealing the fire alarm. . . . The brickyard of Messrs. Morris & Evans in the Fifth Ward had taken fire, and the sheds were flaming up wildly." The fire caused one thousand dollars' worth of damage, and at the time of the newspaper account, its cause was unknown. It was believed that the fire might have been spread through the underground flues. *Deseret Evening News*, October 29, 1880.

cause unknown but thought to be a defective flue under ground at nine when I visited Bros Evans and Maglaughlin were uncovering the still smouldering ground for rebuilding; met a load of lumber for that purpose on my return home. Did some cutting sewing and millinery work p.m. Attended Ward School being the last day of the term. came home about three, did millinery work till dusk. Sister Rhodes came in and chatted the eve I read for her (A Reminiscence) Nephi and George went out with Addie. Retired at ten.

Saturday 30th arose at 5.15. W. fine did millinery work till 2. p.m. did housework and repairing; retired at ten.

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Sunday 31st arose at 5.15 W beautiful; Completed reading back numbers of the Juvenile Instructor which I comenced some weeks ago by rising at 5. or before and reading till six. Began housework at seven, Addie has just come down stair looks ~~paol~~ pale and sick; Soon after ten Miss Sumerene Brown called on Addie to engage her to come and work with her at dress-making. George and Nephi attended the Jubilee in the Tabernacle this a.m. continued housework till after three. Nephi went to the Methodist Church Nephi and George attended Ward meeting this eve Dr. Clinton spoke Sister Rhodes spent the eve with us Addie better I retired before ten; at midnight arose to attend to Addie

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Monday 1st arose at 6.30 did housework and helped with the weeks washing Addie helping with the work; Miss Emma Williams called this p.m. Retired at 9.30

Tuesday 2nd arose before 4. read till 5. does till 6. did housework and washed bedding a.m. washed carpet and cut peices for a rug. Sisters Foster and Willson called in behalf of the poor, gave them sugar tea 30 cts in the eve continued cutting piecs for a rug Nephi swed a string of two yards and a half George one and a half and Kate her portion. Addie attended Y.F.M.I. we retired at 9.30

Wensday 3rd arose at 4.30 wrote in my Jornal and read till six did housework till nearly 4. soon after, went around the block went to Bro James Lewis's on business returned home at 7.30. sadly tired. read some retired at 9.30 W. mild cloudy and sunny.

Thursday 4th arose at 5.00 read and wrote till 6.15. Did housework sent donations to the poor attended fast meeting for the first time in our new Ward or meeting house, stoness not put up yet. weather cold ~~house~~ Babies cold Bell Johnsons Twins were blessed also Sister Lidia Bockholt's Son Lewiy At 11.40 this a.m. My Husband and his Son Elias reached the Depo from Montana having been abcent two month fourteen days passed the

Meeting House as we were siting in fast meeting Bro Pollard spoke of it out aloud. This a.m. also Addie began to work for Miss S. Brown. p.m. attended attendid Committee Meeting took one pound of butter with me for the poor took little Kate with me as a Society we finished paying one Hundred dollars to the new Meeting House. Took comforts to Grandmother Williams, came home at 4.30. attended to home affairs, Nephi Gerrge and I worked on a rug. Sister Rhodes came in, we retired at ten.

Friday 5th arose at 4.30. W. cold and cloudy. did reading writeing and cutting out till 6. Did housework and some repairing Nephi, George and I continued working on the rug in the eve retired at nine 30. A week ago today Sept 29th Mrs. Sarah Oleson Langford presented her husband with twin Daughters.

Saturday Saturday 6th arose before 5. wrote in my Jornal till 6. W. mild and cloudy called on Miss Foster Mrs Eccles called on business did housework all day repairing in the eve. retired at ten. To day Addie took her first music lesson from Mrs Felt. Is geting along nicly with her dress makeing

Sunday 7th arose at 6.10 W. cloudy did housework till 11.15 read evening news and (Pearl of Great Price) At 4 attended Methodist Church to hear Moody and Sandy which caused me to prize the Gospel of the Son of God still more through hearing their Windy words void of power Came home at dark; attended Ward meeting was addressed by home Missionaries with a very good spirit Nephi George and Kate accompanied me. Retired at 9.30 Today Sister James of our Ward has buried a little one of diptheria she buried one last thursday of same complaint

Monday 8th arose at 4.20 read till 5.40. did housework all day attended a grand Concert Held in the Assembly Hall by Z.M.S. took Addie Kate George and Nephi; came home at 11 retired at 12.

Tuesday 9th arose at 6.10 felt very wary did the weeks washing and some housework retired before 8.

Wensday 10th arose at 4.40 read till 6 5.30 did housework all day W. like april to day; yesterday cloudy and cold. Monday hailed and snowed some. This eve George Nephi and I worked on a rug; retired at 9.

Thursday 11 arose at 5.30 snow falling fast cleared up before noon. Did housework and composed some verces to accompany a grope of wax flowers presented to Miss Matie Salsbury on her Wedding day the flowers were gotton up by Misess Reene Brown Nell Brown Lou Stanford and Addie Morris. The flowers were a number of Pond lillies and a miniture swan placed beside them looking down into the water.⁴⁴ Sister Brown was

44. In the Victorian era, women exhibited their dexterity and taste in creating decorative pieces such as this. In these exhibits, which were displayed on tables and mantels, women often attempted to imitate nature with cloth birds and feather or wax flowers. Green, *Light of the Home*, 148.

the bearer of the present while the Bridal party were at the Endowment house. Attended sewing meeting this p.m. came home attended to home affairs, worked on our rug this eve, retired soon after nine.

Friday 12th arose soon after 5. W quite cold did housework all day Nephi helped me in the kitchen in the eve while I read the news; worked on the rug After the children retired went to bed about 11.

Saturday 13th arss abot 6. W. cold and clear did cleaning all day, Miss Alice Pollard called in the eve with Addie; attendid to the Children in the eve and did some repairing retired at 10.30.

Sunday 14th arose before 6. W. clear and cold, wrote in my Jornal before putting out the lamp. Attended to the children and the house a.m. Addie was busy and Nephi was late they all stayed from school and shared the same fate. Addie spent the p.m. with Effie Kate and I attended meeting in the Assembly Hall the first speaker Edward Brown returned missionary who spoke well for a few moments; he was followed by Bro John Nicolson who gave an excelent account of his labours and the work of God in Europe the spirit of God was poured upon him while speaking and testified that it had been his companion whil on his mission. Bro George Q. Cannon spoke next in a very powrful manner the spirit of God was poured mightily upon him tears of joy often came to our eyes whil listening. Came at 5. tried to attend Ward meeting but was prevented spent the eve at home with the Children Addie attended Ward meeting Bro G.Q. Cannon spoke. I retired at 8.

Monday 15th arose before 4. began washing soon after 5. finished at 12.30 W. fine p.m. very tired read and tried to rest; finished the rug, made another over very bright and pretty. retired at 9.30

Tuesday 16th arose at 5.40 snow on the ground did housework a.m. did the ironing and went up town trasacted considerable business before seven attended to home affairs Sister Rhodes came in had a pleasant chat. Addie attended Y.L.I.S. the weather to day has been perrceing cold high wind clear. retired before ten

~~Tuesday~~ Wensday 17th arose at 5.30. W. still very cold and clear did housework all day read for a few minutes before puling the lamp; retired before ten

Thursday 18th arose before 4. read till 5 to 6. Wether very very cold. Did housework a.m. Attended sewing meeting p.m. took little Kate with me. From their called on Effie and her sweet Babes. Called on Sister Ashton had a plasant interview with her and Sister Edward L. Parry of Sculpect. Paid a wedding call to Mrs. J.W. Ashton called on Effie again before going home. reached home about 8 retired between 9 and 10

Friday 19th arose at 6.30 W. still quite cold but cloudy and threting; did housework ~~am~~ a.m. and part of p.m. Did repairing afternoon and eve Nephi wrote in his Jornal and read a chapter in the Bible. Addie recives

great encouragement from her Mistress in her efforts in dressmakeing. Retired at 9:30 10.

Saturday 20th arose at 5.45. W. very cloudy did housework ~~all day~~ a.m. attended 14th Ward meeting p.m. and trascatod business business in town as soon as I was seated in meeting was called upon to speak; Sister [Mary Isabella Hales] Horne was abcent at her birthday party being her 62 brth-day. Met with Sister Unger up town also my Husband. came home at 5.30. Attended to home affairs children repairing retired at 11.

Sunday 21st arose at 6.5. wrote in my Jornal before putting out the lamp. worked till evelen George Nephi and Addie attended S.S. we spent the p.m. at home there being no meeting in the Assembly Hall on account of an accedent with the pipes. spent the p.m. very plasantly reading back number of Exponant Addie attended eve meeting. I read for the Children from (A String of Pearls)⁴⁵ they retired at seven. I copied some verces from slate to paper retired between 9. and 10. Misses lizzie Kimball and lill [Elizabeth Dwight] Barlow came home with Addie. W. very cloudy.

Monday 22nd arose at 5 sewed till 8; worked on a rug; at noon my Neice Mrs A Ridges called and spent a few hours with us. p.m. did housework and went up town with Addie and Kate we bought a carpet; came home at dark attended to home affairs worked on the rug again retired at 10.15.

Tuesday 23rd arose before six did housework all day went up again about the carpet and other business, worked till nearley 9 retired at 9.

Wensday 24th arose at 5.30 deep snow on the ground snowed all day clear and frosty to night did house work finished a bright pretty rug did the weeks ironing did housework till after 7. commenced another rug this eve the Children helping me. Miss Lizzie Kimball called on Addie

Thursday 25th arose soon after 6. W. cold clear and bright. did housework till after 3. read till dusk; in the eve copied the verces again that I had written to our friend Bro A Unger by the request of his widow We had a very nice dinner and spent the eve very quietly My Husband and I writing and Addie swing alltogether Thanksgiving day passed off very pleasantly we retired soon after ten

Friday 26th arose soon after 5. W. cold and clear did housework and repairing; Bro Chatfield called as teacher gave him one dollar of my own earning as Temple donation. Did some repairing in the eve retired about 11.

Saturday 27th arose before 6. did housework till 3. rode up town with Bro

45. *A String of Pearls: Designed for the Instruction and Encouragement of Young Latter-day Saints* (Salt Lake City: Juvenile Instructor Office, 1880). The second book in the Faith Promoting Series, it recounts missionary and other faith-promoting experiences, including William C. Staine's experiences as a missionary to the Ponca Indians, Jedediah M. Grant's experiences on a mission in Virginia, and John Taylor's account of crossing the plains in 1849.

Bockholt truncated business returned soon after 4. took little Kate with me. Attended to home affairs did some repairing in the eve and attended to the children. retired at ten very tired

Sunday 28th arose at 6.45. W. cold more fresh snow on the ground as yesterday. Worked till noon. Nephi and George attended S.S. Addie attended meeting in the Assembly Hall in company with Ed and Effie. Prest G.Q. Cannon preached his farewell sermon before leaving for Washington. Miss Lu and Flo Musser called to invite us to a surprise party at their Mothers Home on Wednesday next. Being unsuccessful in persuading Nephi to accompany me to meeting I thought it better to stay at home with the children than leave them in the street to break the Sabbath; but this is a great denial to me. Spent the eve with the Children also read for them from (A String of Pearls) retired about nine

Monday 29th arose at 4.20. began washing soon after 6. finished about 3. went up town with Addie and Kate transacted considerable business came home at six did some repairing and writing in the eve retired at 9:30

Tuesday 30th arose before six W. cloudy but still very cold; did housework and visited my Block; did some sewing retired about ten almost sick with fatigue

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Wednesday 1st arose before six W. cold and blustery, did housework a.m. attended a surprise party this afternoon as per appointment at the house of Cousin Lin Musser came home after dusk took little Kate with me had a pleasant time met with many that I loved. Did some writing in the eve retired about ten

Thursday 2nd arose at 6.15 W. still very windy did ironing a.m. attended Committee meeting p.m. Bp Pollard met with us. Came home tended to home affairs. wrote in the eve retired at nine.

Friday 3rd arose before 5 wrote till after seven wind still blowing. Did housework all day wind still wild as we retire after ten

Saturday 4th arose before six deep snow on the ground did housework a.m. transacted business up town took little Kate and George with me retired at dark; having bought many things for Nephi with his own earnings. When we reached home we found a beautiful set of chairs and lounge for the parlor; spent the eve in attending to home and the children retired at ten wind blowing again

Sunday 5th arose at six fresh snow on the ground had a good time reading the evening News of Friday last began to work soon after seven, worked till noon. Attended Assembly Hall p.m. took little Kate and George the speakers were Elder Wm C. Stayns [William Carter Staines], Prest A.M.

Cannon and Prest John Taylor Spent the eve at home with the Children read for them from the *Juvenile Instructor* retired at ten.

erable Monday 6th arose about six W. bright and mild, did the weeks washing and repaired a flannel dress. retired at ten 30

Tuesday 7th arose at 5. W. mild and fine did housework and the weeks ironing; visited three old laides on my Block on offocial business. Mother Williams called this eve.

Wensday 8th arose at 5.40 W. clear and pleasant did houeswork all day; retired about ten

Thursday 9th arose at 5.40 W. cold and clear did housework a.m. at noon went up town with Kate and Addie returned before 2. at 3 attended sewing meeting, spent a plasant hour with the sisters there. Came home attended to home affairs. This eve Addie attended a seelect party in the Ward in company with Andrew Johnson. dureing his call related some intresting incidents of his recent Mission to the Southern States. did housework and writeing after the family had retired retired at 11:30

Friday 10th arose at 5.45. W. cold and foggy did housework a.m. In the afternoon made three pairs of flannel panties for little Kate. Aunt Hannah called. Did some repairing in the eve retired at ten.

Saturday 11th arose at 6.15. W. cloudy and very mild did housework and went up town did some repairing in the eve retired after midnight.

ar Sunday 12th arose at seven worked till one. In the afternoon Sister Brown and her Daughter Sumereene also Miss Sarah [Jane] Ashton and Alice Pollard paid us a visit had a very plasant time Addie sant and played for them we also sang together and alone which seemed to give them great pleasure; Addie accompanied her guests to ward meeting; the speakers were Apostle John Henry Smith and Frances Cope and peter Reid. returned Missionares had a splendid time After meeting Misses Jane and Lill Barlow and Lizzie Kimball called, we retired at 10.30. having spent one of the pleasantest) afrnoons of our life. W. beautiful.)

Monday 13th arose at 5.15 W. mild and bright as yesterday, washed and did sewing, read and wrote in the eve, Addie Nephi and Georg spent the eve with Effie and Mate. Came home soon after nine, retired at 9.30

Tuesday 14th arose at 5.15 W. cloudy and very mild red and sewed till after seven; did housework and the weeks ironing, recived a pleasant call from Uncle Ed Parry of Cedar City who came up on last evenings train. This eve we were in danger of a great fire by a lamp being tipt and the burning oil spilt on the floor but by prompt and speedy action the blaze was soon extinguished. We retired at nine very very tired.

Wensday 15th arose at 5.15 W. drizziling all day, rained yesterday. read and sewed till seven, did housework till 3. p.m. did cutting out began sewing at 4. sewed till after 11. retired before 12. read for the Children from (A String of Perals) Also read for them all monday eve, anecdotes of Elder

Grant from the same book.

Thursday 16th arose at 5.15 drizzily a.m. fine p.m. did the housework made 25 sacks and a pair of garments Mrs Ella Russell called p.m. This eve accompanied by Nephi called on Sister Unger Bro Salsbury and my Daughter Effie found them preparing their new kitchen, for the painters they wish us to spend christmas with them. Came home after nine, retired before ten

Friday 17th arose at 6.30 W. clear and beautiful, did housework a.m. attended R.F. Conference p.m. excellent instructions were given. called on Effie before going home. Miss Williams called in the eve.

Saturday 18th W. very cloudy and mild did housework and went up town came home at dusk did some repairing Addie and Nephi went up town; we retired about 11. Bro Saley died to day.

Sunday 19th arose at seven worked till afternoon; George and Nephi attended S.S. Addie, George, Kate and I attended Assembly Hall the speaker was Elder John Nickelson. he spoke on the work for the dead and building Temples. Addie attended eve meeting I read for the children from the J. Instructor (Answer To Prayer)⁴⁶ we retired about nine

Monday 20th arose at 5.30 W. snowing and raining began washing at 6.30 finished about noon; made a shirt p.m. and eve retired ten.

Tuesday 21st arose before 5. W. fine did housework and some cutting out; retired at 9.30 Effie called.

Wednesday 22 arose at 5.40 W. foggy a.m. warm and sunny p.m. did housework and made a fine shirt for Nephi; Bro Chatfield called as teacher. retired at 9.

Friday Thursday 23rd arose at 6. wrote in my Journal till seven. W. wet did housework and ironing a.m. p.m. went up town to make perches for Christmas came home at dark finished ironing did some sewing and reckoning up retired at 1. o'clock

Friday 24th arose at six 30 W. mild and cloudy did housework all day; called on Mrs Eccles who is sick in bed, and her Mother [Sarah Higham Spur] dying. Little Kate is sick to night, we retired at 11.

Saturday 25th arose at 6.30 W. wet Katie better; Children delighted with their presents. We spent the day at home; called on Sister Eccles who is better her Mother died at this a.m. Nephi and George attended the S.S. party. This eve Aunts Hannah and Nancy called and Cousin Annie who are spending Christmas over to the other house. Effie's party did not come off on account of previous engagements; she is greatly disappointed.

46. This essay recounts the author's experience losing his pocketbook while traveling over roadless terrain. After praying, he wrote, he allowed his horse to choose its own course and, after going a short distance, found the pocketbook. L., "Answer to Prayer," *Juvenile Instructor*, December 1, 1880, 268.

Addie has gone to a party with Ed and his Sister Sarah. we retired about midnight.

Sunday 26th arose at 6.25. W fine. At 9.40 attended the funeral of Mrs Spur. Mother of our neighbour Sister Eccles. the speakers were Elders F. Wells, J. Morgan and Andrew Johnson the two latter spoke very well the former is no speaker. Took little Kate with me; felt sick rideing to the cemetary and back; reached home about noon. Attended Assembly Hall the speakers were Jessee west returned Missionary and Apostle J.F. Smith. Uncle Ed Parry called in after meeting. Addie attended Ward meeting the speakers were Apostles J.F. Smith and W. Woodruff. We spend the eve at home read for the children (in Sunshine for Baby Land) retired about nine

Monday 29th arose at 4.20 W. very mild and cloudy read and wrote till nearly six. began washing about 7. finished about 2. did some housework; spent the eve reading back numbers of the evening News; read for the Children in (The String of Pearls) retired soon after nine raining as we go to bed.

Tuesday 28th arose at 5.10 read till nearley six; did sewing housework and ironing and cutting out; read for the children in the eve (Sunshine from Baby Land) Addie accompanied her Father and Sisters to the theatre to witness the very delightful Play of Pike.⁴⁷ retired at 11.30. snowing as we go to bed drizziled all day rained a good deal last night.

Wensday 29th arose before six still snowing; continued all day. Did housework and sewing read for the children in the eve (Sunshine Babyland) retired at 10.30.

Thursday 30th arose at 5.45. W. cold and cloudy did housework a.m. went up town with Addie p.m. Attended a leap year ball in the eve took my Son Nephi his Father being otherwise engaged. had a good time retired about one o'clk

Friday 31st arose at 8. W. mild and cloudy snowed a little all day. Spent the day in cleaning; wet up town in the eve took little Kate, turned Back without transacting any business retired at 9.30 almost to weary to go up stairs.

47. *Pique*, a play by Augustin Daly, was first produced in 1875. It is about a young couple living with the husband's father, who exacerbates their marital problems. The husband leaves; but immediately afterwards, their young child is kidnapped, and in the search for the child, the couple is reunited. Mary Lois saw the play herself three months later on March 28, 1881. Bordman, *Oxford Companion*, 499–500.

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“Conclude to Trust in God”

January 1881

Saturday 1st arose at 7. more fresh snow thawing and snowing but very mild Did housework till 11.30 called on Sister Eccles who is still sick, and her Daughter Libbie [Elizabeth Eccles]. spent the afternoon very pleasantly reading. Effie sent for Addie to come over at 4.30. She has gone to a party with Ed and his Sisters Lizzie and Emma. Read for the children this eve in (Chatterbox) Two years ago to day I began to Keep a Jornal and have written something for every day scince I belive” though sometimes being too busy to write for several days have gone back and given an account of events as they have occured; having wonce been two weeks without having time to write which was a great tax upon my memory but ccomplished it I find that my day book has been useful to refer to and intresting to read. I feel very thankful for the blessings surrounding us this day and pray that we may apreac the same and make a wise use of those things intrusted to our care; retired at 11.30.

Sunday 2nd arose at 5.30 W. clear and bright read till seven, worked till nearley noon. Addie Nephi and George attended S.S. We all attended the Assembly Hall. the speakers were John L. Smith C.W. Penrose and Prest John Taylor. The speaking was Grand. Addie and Nephi attended Ward meeting the speakers Bp R.T. Burton and John Morga. After meeting my Husband brought over three young Gentlemen from Cedar City; Sons of our friends Bros’s and Sisters Hughes and Jones. It gave me great pleasure to see these children of my old friends took one back more than twenty years.

Oh friendship fair thy streams are pure
Thy fountan’s grand and will endure
The heart is cheered and warmed by thee
Thy links will reach eternity.

Monday 3rd arose at 5.15. W. clear and bright finished washing at noon; did housework p.m. retired about ten

Tuesday 4th arose at 5.15. W. mild something like april; did housework all day retired about ten



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The Salt Lake City Temple Block in 1883. Mary Lois often attended meetings in the Tabernacle (center) and Assembly Hall (left) on the Temple Block and mentions giving donations to the construction of the Salt Lake Temple.

Wensday 5th arose at 5.35. W. mild and cloudy did housework a.m. Sister Duncanson called. Visited my block p.m. came home about 4. attended to home affairs did cooking and ironing in the eve. Miss M.J. [Mary Jane Eliza] Gardner and Mr Willard Burton are to be married to morrow.

Thursday 6th arose about 6. Weather mild did housework a.m. and attend Fast meeting sent provisions to the poor p.m. attended Committee meeting gave groceries to the poor. came home about 4. attended to home affairs. Went around my Block again in the eve. come home before nine feeling thank that I am still able to attend to the duties placed upon me in a Ward capacity all that I called upon semed pleased with the invitation they recived. to day Mr. Willard C Burton and Miss Mollie J. Gardner were married.

Friday 7th arose about 5. W. cold and snowing did housework all day retired about ten. Addie began takeing lessons from Bro A.C. Smith

Saturday 8th arose soon after 6. W. clear and frosty. did housework a.m. and attended Conference for a little while felt well paid for so doing. Attended Conference p.m. had another excelent time Prest Taylor spoke. Reached home at 4.30 attended to home affairs retired before 11. This day at 4 p.m. my Neice Mrs B.E. Swan presented her Husband with a little daughter.

Sunday 9th arose at 6.15. W. cold and cloudy; did housework and attended morning meeting the speakers were Prest J. Taylor and Prest A.M. Cannon. Afternoon meeting the speakers were Apostles W. Woodruff J.F. Smith and John Henry Smith There is a prishood meting in the Assembly hall this eve; retired before 11.

Monday 10th arose at 4.30. W. ~~clod~~ cold and cloudy began washing before six stopt at eight called on Aunt Hatty [Harriet Maria Miner] Burton gave her a card containing verces composed for little Jesse tranacted business up town; came home before noon did housework; went up town at 5. called on Effie found her well happy and prosperious. presented with a portrate of myself handsomly framed. it being her 22nd birthday. came home about seven, read for the (Lost In a Fog) ~~from~~ retired about 10 almost sick with ~~weri~~ fatuage

Tuesday 11th arose about 6. W. mild and raining did housework all day, retired before nine.

Wensday 12th arose at 3. read Delagate Cannons answer to Governor Murry, it is a splendid document. and showes in legal terms the Governors shameful fraud in giveing Allen G. Cambel [Campbell] the certificate that blonged to Bro Cannon by 18,000 votes¹ rested a while before 7. Did housework and ironing. W. raining and thawing all day, retired about 10. (From the Deseret Evening News of Jan 10th 1881)²

How big was Eli Murry Pa
That people call him great
Was he the handsomest of men
From old Kentucky State?

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1. On November 2, 1880, in the general election in Utah for a delegate to Congress, the Peoples' Party candidate, George Q. Cannon, received 18,568 votes; and the Liberal Party's candidate, Allen G. Campbell, received 1,357 votes. Members of the Liberal Party argued that George Q. Cannon was an unnaturalized alien, and thus all the votes cast for him were void. In addition, it was held that "the territorial law granting the elective franchise to women was void," and therefore the many votes Cannon received from female voters were illegal. Technically, Governor Murray's duty was only to certify the votes. Despite this, on January 8, 1881, Governor Murray issued the certificate of election to Allen G. Campbell. On April 20, 1881, the U.S. House of Representatives declared that neither Campbell or Cannon was eligible for the seat and that the seat was therefore vacant. While Cannon had won the election, they claimed that his practice of polygamy was a violation of the U.S. Constitution and made him ineligible to serve in Congress. A new election was held, and the position of territorial delegate was filled in 1882 by John T. Caine. *Comp. History*, 6:2–11; Whitney, *History of Utah*, 3:130–60, 166–73, 191–94.
 2. Mary Lois copied this poem about Governor Murray from the *Deseret Evening News*, January 10, 1881. As a poet herself, the political discourse that seems to have appealed to her was in the medium of poetry.

O no my child his handsumness
 Existed but in name
 It was not glory made him great
 But greatness of his shame

This brother fired Diana's dome
 So sages ancient story
 And Eli emulateing
 Stole Utah Territory.

From the Deseret Evening News Jan 13th 81³

Minority" was a miner bold
 Where mormons tilled their farms
 A Cannon knocked him off his ~~legs~~ legs
 So he rose up in armes

He felt himself a little off
 But others" set him on
 & And urged the Governor to send
 Him down to Washington.

Agreed." quoth Murry, but I leave
 At wonce this saintly town,
 Lest, though a few may crack me up,
 The many crack me down."

He then to the certificate
 Affixed his awful seal
 And generous gave Minority"
 What he himself did steal.

Thus Eli wrought for Allen G.
~~What~~ And thus it came to pass
 While others wrote him up a knave
 He wrote himself an donkey.

Thursday 13th arose at 6. W. mild. Thawing and snowing; at 11. attended a pic nic in the Ward gotten up especially for the old folks, of which there

3. Talk of the Town, *Deseret Evening News*, January 11, 1881.

was a goodly number in attendance and enjoyed themselves greatly. The Bishop is highly pleased with our efforts. Broke up about 5. p.m. took comforts to the poor on my Block; came home before dark spent most of the eve writing in my Jornal Sister Rhodes came in and sat with us. This a.m. at 5 o'clock Cousin Mattie Morris gave birth to a daughter. We retired after eleven.

Friday 14th arose at 7. W. still very mild and wet; did housework and went up town, returned at dark; attended to home affairs retired after nine very very tired.

Saturday 15th arose before 6. W. drizziling still; spent the day in cleaning, put the house in order after the poper hangers, which seemes very pleasant wonce more. Sisters Grey and Halley called, Little Willie Swan is very ill. Retired after ten.

From The Deseret Evening News of Jan 13th 1881⁴

Gild the farthing as you will,
It remains a farthing still"
Rogues call righteous if you can,
I will never make an honest,' man;
Chothe him in a lion's skin,
It cannot change the soul within;
Let Murry roar as Murry may,
His roar is but a feeble bray.

Tho dastards deeme their leader brave
His actions brand him as a slave,
And hand him down to future age,
A blot upon the Golden Page,
Pile high a monument of shame
Undying as his evil name—
The synonym for coward crime
Through all the changing scenes of time.

Sunday 16th arose at 5.15 wrote in my Jornal till nearly 7. Worked till 12.30. Effie and Edward came Effie and Babes spent the afternoon with us; Addie and Ed attended eve meeting Willard Burton spoke Elder John Morgan and Apostle John Henry Smith spoke at the assembly Hall this p.m. excelently Effie and Babes spent the eve with us, we retired at ten.

Monday 17th arose before six W. clear and fine as yesterday did the weeks

4. Talk of the Town, *Deseret Evening News*, January 13, 1881.

washing and housework retired about ten very tired.

Tuesday 18th arose before 7. ~~W. fine and~~ feeling still very tired; did housework and sewing Ed Parker and Uncle Hugh called to see my Husband. Nephi wrote to Brig Ashton.

Wednesday 19th arose at 5. W. clear and frosty. did housework and ironing retired before nine feeling very tired

Thursday 20th arose about six. W. lovely; did housework and ironing; Sister Rudy called had a long chat with her. Theofles Davis called to see my Husband in the eve. Addie and her Father attended a party gotten up by Y.F.M.I.A. out of respect to Willard Burton before going on his Mission. We retired after 12.

Friday 21 arose before seven W. very fine did housework all day repairing in the eve and reading; retired after 11.

Saturday 22nd arose before seven W. cold and cloudy did housework all day repairing in the eve retired after 12.

Sunday 23rd arose at 6.15. W. cold and fine worked all morning. p.m. with Addie Kate and George attended the Assembly Hall. the first speaker was bro George Renolds who came out of the [blank] last thursday a free man; to the Joy and delight of the latterday Saints; having been sentenced to two years imprisonment and 5.00 dollars fine for takeing a second wife. On account of his good conduct he was released five month before the time expired. The house was Jamed," the choir sang Home Sweet Home on his account which was very affecting. his speaking was all that could be disired. He looks quite as well as ever. The next speaker was Bro McMaster wh quoted scripture in a very forceably manner We all attended Ward meeting in the eve in our beautiful meeting Hous the speakers were Elder George Renolds, A.M. Cannon and Prest John Taylor. the house was packed and we had a good time. Retired before ten

Monday 24th arose at 5.15. wrote in my Jornal till six 45 snow on the ground for the first time in two or thre weeks. Did housework and made 19 sacks and other swing went up town came home at dark. read for the children in the eve from Sunshine for Baby Land. retired before ten.

*Third, day book of
M Lois Morris*

[January 1881]

Tuesday 25th arose at 5.10 W. cold and cloudy snow on the ground for a change; did the weeks washing and other work; read for the children in

the eve from (Sunshine For Baby Land) retired about ten. To day Willard Burton started for his mission to the United States.

Wensday 26st arose about [blank] feeling very tired did housework all day read for the children in (Sunshine for Baby Land) retired about 10.

Thursday 27th arose before 5. read back Exponants till 6. did repairing till seven. Did housework a.m. attended Society meeting p.m. After meeting called on Ella Killpatric. On Bro [John] Clark with Nephi's tithing, then on Cousin Mattie Morris to see her pretty Babe. Came home before dark. Aunt Hannah and ~~Tuesday 25th arose at 5.10 W. cold and cloudy snow on the ground; did the weeks washing and other work read for the children in the eve in Sunshine for Babyland.~~ Bro S. and Sister Ella Russell called in the eve retired before ten.

Friday 28th arose before six W. cloudy and mild; did sewing till 7. did housework sewing watched Sister Ruth Pollard at night accompanied by Miss Orian Parker had a pleasant chat with Bro Pollard came home about eight this a.m.

Jan 29th did housework and went up town, attended 14th Ward meeting for a few moments heard good instructions from Sister horne. came home about 5. attended to home affairs retired at ten Nephi recived a very intresting letter from his S.S. teacher B.W. [Brigham Willard] Ashton

Sunday 30th arose at 6. W mild and cloudy. read and wrote till 7. worked all a.m. attended Assembly Hall accompanied by little George the speakers were G.G. Bywater and C.W. Penrose. the latter spoke exclently; came home with Addie Effie Kate and George. Attended Ward meeting with Nephi and George the speakers wer Milando Pratt and H.C. Fowler. we retired about nine.

Monday 31st arose before 4. W. a.m. drizzley p.m. Bright and fine did the weeks washing and housework and a good deal of cleaning; Aunt Eliza called this a.m. Sister A Brown this p.m. Worked till 9. wrote till half past and retired.

February 1881

Tuesday 1st arose at 6.30 W. very mild fine a.m. drizzly p.m. did housework and ironing felt tired all day from yesterdays work; retired about ten.

Wensday 2nd arose before 6. W. very mild did housework a.m. went around the Block p.m. Sat up with Ella Killpatrick in company with Misess Lizzie Kimball and Barlow came home at 5.30 this a.m

feb 3rd W. very mild and cloudy almost sultry; did housework; retired about ten Mrs A Brown called this p.m.

Friday 4th arose soon after five; rained dureing the night has rained all day; did housework and repairing, retired at ten.

Saturday 5th arose before six rain still coming down drizzled all day. heard

of Bro Evans being very ill Did housework all day repairing in the eve retired before 12.

Sunday 6th arose before 7. W. fine, worked till noon Attended Assembly Hall p.m. the speaker was John Nicleson called on Bro Evans after meeting found him better had been healed by the power of God. Spent the eve at home Addie and Nephi attended Ward meeting the speaker was Joseph E. Taylor who discoused excellently. Retired earley feeling very tired fasted to day.

Monday 7th arose before 6. W. cold and cloudy did the weeks washing and housework retired about nine

Tuesday 8th arose before 6. W. fine fresh snow on the ground, did housework and cutting out a.m. Sister Atty called to say that Sister Ruth Pollard had died at 2 this a.m. we also heard that Thomas Heath died this a.m. at 2.40. Called on Sister [Teresa Hastings] Judd who is dying but recognized me. bade her good bye and called on Aunt Nancy and hannah. Spent the remainder of the p.m. and eve with Effie made a pair of pants for little George returned home about ten wrote in my Jornal and retired late rested poorley.

Wensday 9th arose before 7. W. very cold snow falling fast; did house work a.m. soon after 12. started for Bp. Pollards, followed the corps to the meeting house the exersizes were of a very intresting nature. The trip to the cemetry was very cold came home at 4.30. read for the children in (Sunshine for baby Land) retired about ten.

Thursday 10th arose before 6. W. clear and cold did housework a.m. Soon after 11. attended the funeral of Thomas Heath. the assemblage was larg the speakers were R.F. Nelam and C.W. Penrose. the corpses was dressed beautifully it seemed as if every touch that was given to his attire was that of tenderest love the young Widdow is heartbroken. Came home before 2. did housework p.m. did repairing and read for the children in the eve retired at 9.30

Friday 11th arose before 6. W. cold more snow on the ground W. clear and cold, did housework all day retired about ten

Saturday 12th arose soon after 5. W. clear and cold a.m. cloudy and mild p.m. spent a.m. in cleaning. attended 14th Ward p.m. came home after dark attended to home affair did repairing in the eve retired before 12.

Sunday 13th arose about 7. W. cold worked till noon. at 1.30 p.m. snowed and blowed terebly spent the ~~afternoon~~ afternoon at home with the Children very happily reading back numbers of the Juvernile Instructor. we all attended evening meeting had a good time.

Monday 14th arose before 6. W. cold and changeable; washed a.m. p.m. went with Addie to have her teeth extracted; came home at dusk. retired between 11. and 12. very very tired.

Tuesday 15th arose at seven W. cold and clear a.m. cloudy and mild p.m.

did housework all day for the children in the eve from the J.I. wrote in my Jornal and retired

Wensday 16th arose between 6. and 7. W. drizzley, began emptying the old part of the house, the men began tareing it down, continued moving all-day Cousin Wm C. Morris dined with us.

~~Wensday~~ *Thursday 17* arose at 5.5 W. as yesterday, Moveing and putting down going; Bro Chatfield and Bro Edwards called as teachers read for the children in the Instructor retired between 9. and 10.

Friday 18th arose soon after 5. W. fin did housework and repairing

Saturday 19th arose at 5.30 W. fine spent the day in cleaning; went up town at 4.30. Attended the Humil Dwyer reading at the Theatre⁵ with my Husband, on our way home were told of the death of our Neibour Mrs Blizzard by takeing poison retired at 11.

Sunday 20th aros at 6.20 W. fine and mild. Worked till 3. p.m. Addie attended the Assembly Hall the speakers were elders H.W. Naisbet and C.W. Penrose. Was prevented from attending evening meeting, Addie Nephi George went. little Kate and I spent the eve at home read in Juvenile Instructor. Sister Judd died this a.m. at 2. o'clock And this is my little George's seventh birth day; may God preserve him from harm and sin.

Monday 21st arose before 4. W. clear and fine, ~~wash~~ washed till 1. o'clock. At 2.20 attended the funeral of Mrs Blizzard who poisoned herself on saturday eve; there was a good attendance the speakrs were Elders G.G. Bywater and R.T. Burton, came home and then went up town transacted business came home at 6.30 transacted more business in the Ward came home at dark, retired at ten almost sick with fatigue.

Tuesday 22nd arose before 7. W. lovely; at 11. attended the funeral of Sister Judd the speaker was Elder C.W. Penrose; the Committee of whome she was a member when the society was first organized all dropted flowers as we passed the grave in rotation Bp. Pollard returned thanks to all for the kindnesses and respect shown. Came home about 2. p.m. rested and did housework; read for the Children in the eve from the J. Instructor retired soon after nine.

Wensday 23rd arose at 5.15 W lovely did housework all day read for the children in the eve from the J. Instructor and (Sunshine For Baby Land) did some repairing a.m. retired soon after nine

Thursday 24th arose at 4.15. W. warm and bright read and wrote till 5.30 did housework and some uphol[s]ter work a.m. housework and ironing p.m. Sister Rhodes called. read for the children in the eve from (Sunshine

5. A reading by Mr. and Miss Humil (the son and daughter of Professor S. S. Humill) and "Miss Ada Dwyer, one of his most promising Utah pupils." They rendered "a series of reading and costume recitals." *Deseret Evening News*, February 19, 1881.

for Baby Land) retired at ten

Friday 25th arose at 5. read till 6. finished the last number of vol 15 [1880] of *The Juvenile Instructor*. Did housework and some repairing Nephi George and Kate attended P.A. Weather rainy and windy; retired about ten.

Saturday 26th arose at 4.45 sprinkling of snow on the ground; read till six. did housework a.m. attended 14th Ward meeting p.m. several subjects were discussed Transacted business in town returned home at 5.30 attended to home affairs It being Addie's birthday gave her some little tokens of love in which we all participated was a very pleasant feature of the evening; retired at ten. 6.30

Sunday 27th arose at 4.45 read till 6.30. worked till past noon at 2. p.m. attended the funeral of Sister Laman. the services were conducted in German the speakers were Bro Riss K.C. Riser and Bp Pollard. the exercises were quite interesting; accompanied Sister Kimball there and back. Effie and Babes spent the p.m. and eve with us. Ed and Addie attended Ward Meeting the speakers were Elder A. Miner. The speakers at the Assembly Hall were R.B. Young and A.M. Cannon. Misses Reene and Nell Brown Lucy Balock and Lu [Luella Jane] Balser called after eve meeting we retired at ten. W. fine and mild.

Monday 28th arose about six, did housework and visited my block, retired at 11. read for the children in JI

March 1881

Tuesday 1st arose before 6. W. windy, very slight sprinkling of rain and snow cleared up before dark. Read for the children in the J.I. retired at nine; did the washing and housework.

Wednesday 2nd arose at 7. feeling very tired did housework all day soon repairing in the eve. Bro Wm Loyd to see my Husband retired at 11.

Thursday 3rd arose at 6.20. W. clear and bright did housework, sent donations to the poor attended fast meeting a.m. at 2 p.m. attended Committee Meeting, Sister Bacon was administered to. Took comforts to Mother Williams. Came home attended affairs. In the eve attended a recitation of original poems by Wm [William] Clegg the Springville Poet which was very interesting,⁶ retired at 11.

Friday 4th arose at 5.55 W. fine did housework a.m. repairing p.m. read for the children in The J.I. in the eve did some writing and retired at ten.

6. William Clegg (1823-?), who was known as the "Springville Poet," composed poetry on birthdays and wedding anniversaries as well as for public celebrations. In addition, he wrote several hymns. Carter, *Treasures of Pioneer History*, 6:183-84.

Saturday 5th arose at 5.15. stormy a.m. fine p.m. did housework all day; retired at ten

Sunday 6th arose soon after six W. fine worked till near noon at 2 p.m. attended Assembly Hall the first speaker was Rev Dr. fisher of the american Bible Society.⁷ He was followed by Bp. Thomas Taylor who spoke by the inspireation of the holy spirit Prest A.M. Cannon followed him who was filled With the power of God which filled our hearts with Joy. We all attended Ward meeting a number of the bretheren spoke retired before 9. heard that Bro Evans was very ill.

Monday 7th arose at 4.15 W. fine did washing housework and sewing Aunt Hannah called in the eve. Nephi recived a very intresting letter from his S.S. teacher this a.m. heard that Bro Evans is still very ill. Retired at ten.

Tuesday 8th arose before 6. W. warm and bright did housework and sewing; called on Bro Evans in the eve found him some better called also on his Wife Ada [Ahah Jane Powell Evans]. Retired about nine.

Wensday 9th arose at 2. haveing an unpleasant dream; read till about 6. W. fine a.m. stormy in p.m. Did housework and sewing retired at 9.

Thursday 10th arose before 6 wind seased, snowng and blowing all day, clear and cold to night did housework a.m. at 11 went to see my Daughter Effie called on Aunt Nancy and Hannah spent a pleasant afternoon with Effie; called on Sister Ashton came home at 6. read for the children in the eve from the Ju Inst. retired between 11. and 12

Friday 11th arose at 6.20 after a disturbed night. W. cold plenty of snow on the ground. did housework all day read for the children in the eve from the Juvenile Instructor. retired at 9.30

Saturday 12th arose at 6.20 W. cold and snowed this p.m. did housework all day. At 4.30 this afternoon our dear friend Bro S.L. Evans departed this life after some ten days illness; went to see the bereved funeral this eve. retired about midnight

Sunday 13th arose before seven worked till noon spent the afternoon at home called on both famlies of Bro Evans this eve; did some reading and writeing and reading this eve retired at 11.

Monday 14th arose about 6. W. very fine; at noon attended the funeral of Bro Evans the exersizes were of a very instresting character; there being nine speakers, and nearly all who spoke were moved to tears the first was my Husband; next Bro Goddard Bp Hardey Wm [William] Jennings Council J.E. Taylor G.G. Bywater, Bp R T. Burton Elder Wm Willes Prest John Taylor, Prest J.F. smith. the number of people who passed through

7. Rev. Dr. Fisher was the district superintendent of the American Bible Society, an international agency founded in New York in 1816. Its goal in the nineteenth century was to place a Bible in every home. Fisher addressed "the congregation on the subject of the Bible." *Deseret Evening News*, March 7, 1881.

the house to view the remains seemed as if they would never end the house was packed. and judging from those who passed the corpses there seemed as many outside as inside; about fifty vacles followed the remains to the cemetery and some on foot the third Ward Band was in attendance. Bro Goddard offered the dedicatory prayer. Every body was out to watch the cortage pass. One bright spot has left the earth and we all feel the loss.

Tuesday 15th arose before 6. a.m. stormey cleared up p.m. did house and some cutting out. Aunt hannah called; retired at nine.

Wensday 16th arose at 5.10 W. fine and mild did housework and some cutting out; received a visit from my Sister read for the children in the eve. retired soon after nine.

Thursday 17th arose at 3. read till ~~ne~~ nearly 6. W. fine a.m. stormed p.m. did housework, made 10 sacks and other sewing; Sister Unger called; also Miss [blank] and Master Elias Evans; sewed in the eve and retired soon after nine

Friday 18th arose at 5.30. W. as yesterday ~~wash~~ did sewing and housework read for the children in the eve from Juvenile Instructor and A Strng Of Pearls. retired at 9.30

Saturday 19th arose between 5. and 6. W. bright and mild; made 11 sacks and did housework the rest of the day; repairing in the eve retired before midnight

Sunday 20th arose before 6. W very fine worked till after 11. Attended Assembly Hall the speakers were Apostles E. Snow and G.Q. Cannon. Called on Dianth Morris and babe; also Sister Bockholt and babe. Spent the eve at home, read some intresting pieces from the Deseret News for the Children. Misses L Barlow and L. Kimball called, retired at ten.

Monday 21st arose at 5 did a large washing; went out in the eve retired at 9.30

Tuesday 22nd arose at 5.30 feelling very tired from yesterdays work did housework, made 18. sacks and other sewing sister Ridges called W. very fine read for the Children in the eve from the Juvenile Instructor retired about nine 30.

Wensday 23rd arose at 5. W. very fine, washed beding all day; retired before 9. quite exausted.

Thursday 24th arose at 5.15. W. fine and warm, did housework all day Sister Rudy called; retired about 10

Friday 25th arose before 5. W. fine warm did housework and sewing Aunt Hannah called in the eve; retired at 10.30

Saturday 26th W. fine did housework all day arose earley retired at 11

Sunday 27th arose before 6 W. delightful attended to home affairs a.m. taking care of the children; Addie attended Assembly Hall the speakers were Elder John Morgan and Prest G.Q. Cannon both spoke to the delight of the people Miss L. Kimball accompanied Addie home. Addie attended evening meeting I stayed home with the children read for them in the Juvenile retired at 9.30

Monday 28th arose at 4.30 washed and did housework; attended the theatre with my Husband at night to witness the grand play of Pique. Retired after midnight.

Tuesday 29th arose at 5.30 did housework all day Sister Foster called as teacher. we retired at ten.

Wensday 30 arose about 5.30 W. very fine did housework all day; my Sister and her granddaughter called also Sister L. Bockholt. Also Bros Chatfield and Edwards as teachers paid 50 cts as Temple donation. Bro Parly [Parley Willard] Price's Baby was buried to day died retired at 11.

Thursday 31st arose about 5.30 W. still very fine; did housework retired about nine 30.

~~*Wensday 23rd* arose at 5. W. very fine, washed bedding all day retired before nine quite exhausted. *Thursday 24th* arose at 5.15. W. fine and warm did housework all day; Sister Rudy called. retired about 10. *Friday 25th* arose before 5. W. fine and warm did housework and sewing Aunt Hannah called in the eve at 10.30 all day retired about 10~~

April 1881

Friday 1st arose at 5.5. W still very fine did housework and went around the Block. Addie attended a surprise party on her brother Elias. T.F. Howells was married yesterday. Read for the children in chatterbox; retired after midnight.

Saturday 2nd arose before 6. W. hot. did housework and went up town. retired soon after eleven.

Sunday 3rd arose before 6. W. hot attended Conference a.m. stayed home with the children p.m. Cousin Lizzie Morris of Morgan came retired about ten

Monday 4th arose at 5. read till 6. W very warm attended Con a.m. Our friends Sister Williams of Cache Valley and Daughter Mrs Halversen came to stay Con— with us. stayed at home with the children; Addie attended theatre with Cousins Lizzie and Will. retired about midnight

Tuesday 5th arose about seven attended Conference am. attended to home affairs p.m. Lizzie went home in the eve went up to see the electric light⁸

8. The *Deseret Evening News* said of this event, "A successful and satisfactory test was made of the Brush electric light, on Main Street, at and in the vicinity of Walker Brother's store, last evening between 8 and 9 o'clock. A large multitude had gathered in anticipation of the exhibition. . . . The two post lamps, one at Walker Brothers' corner and the other in front of the store of Lipman and Davis, gradually began to lighten and continue to increase in brilliancy until the vicinity was flooded with a beautiful white light." The incandescent light bulb was invented by Thomas Edison in 1879. It was not until the twentieth century that significant numbers of Americans had electricity in their homes or businesses. Schlereth, *Victorian America*, 115; *Deseret Evening News*, April 1, 1881.

and Governor Murry come in and heard his speech came home about 9. retired about 11

Wensday 6th arose at 7.30 attended Con all day which closed this p.m. we have had a grand time. Spent the eve very pleasantly at home with our friends the little Girls and ourselves singing and little Ida dancing for us; retired at 11. heavy rain to day.

Thursday 7th arose at 6.30. W. chilly after the heavy rain did housework and sewing retired at 10.

Friday 8th arose at 5.40. W. cool did housework and repairing, our friends have gone home by this p.m. train. This eve had a very pleasant call and extensive chat with our old friends Bro George Woods and Bishop Henry Lunt. had great satisfaction in talking with the latter. Addie and Nephi attended a concert in the 16th Ward for the benefit of Ella Kilpatrick retired about midnight

Saturday 9th arose at 6.30 W. damp did housework; went up town, attended 14th Ward meeting the power and spirit of God was there there were many presious things given by the gift of tongues. Came home before 6. retired before 11. Ella Kilpatrick died this a.m.

Sunday 10 arose at 5.30 W. wet. called on Effie this a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Apostle E. Snow was th speaker. Called on Sister Price also on her Son Parley who is sick. supped with Effie came home after 6. read for the children in the eve from the J.I. Ella Kilpatrick was buried to day. retired about ten

Monday 11th arose about 6. washed all day went up town in the eve; retired about ten very tired; rain and snow has been falling all day.

Tuesday 12th arose about 6 W. cold and wet did housework all day; Sister Parker and her Daughter Orsen called this eve, also Lafey Burton

Wensday 13th arose at 5.20 W. fine did housework and went up town retired about 10.

Thursday 14th arose about 5.30 W. fine did housework and some more shoping retired at 9.30. Addie attended the theatre with Uncle Ed Parry.

Friday 15th arose at 3.40 read till 5. rested 30 minutes. did housework and repairing. Sister Thomas called to see my husband. Retired about ten

Saturday 16th arose at 5. W. warm did housework all day; Aunt Hannah called this eve retired at ten.

Sunday 17th arose at 4.30. read till six spent the day at home received a visit from Effie and family. Mr D. and Miss Emma Williams called this eve; retired before ten.

Monday 18th arose before 3. began washing at 5. finished at 3. p.m. did housework till 9. retired at half pass ten.

Tuesday 19th arose at 5.30. feeling very tired did housework and directed work in the garden. Sister Unger and family called as per apointment to the verses read which I had composed for their Husband and Father,

were much pleased with the verces; had a pleasant time Miss Pollard and Brown called on Addie. Retired soon after ten. W. fine and cool.

Wensday 20th arose at 6.30. W. fine did housework ironing and cutting out. Recived a visit from Sister Miller retired soon after nine. read for the children from the evening News.

Thursday 21st arose at 4.40. W. very fine did housework. had a long conversation with an outsider on the principles and history of the church. wrote a letter to my Brother Addie attended a surprise party on Miss Alice pollard retired after midnight.

Friday 22 did housework a.m. called on Sister Eccles who is very ill. spent p.m. with Effie came home about 6— feeling very tired attended to home affairs retired soon after ten; read for the children in (*Leaves from My Journal*)⁹

Saturday 23rd arose earley did housework attended 14th Ward meeting; transacted business up town retired about ten

Sunday 24 arose at 5. W. cool after yesterdays rain. At 7. a.m. Addie accompanied her Father and Sister Nellie to Provo. At 9. a.m. our Neighbour Bro Parley Price departed this life. Retired soon after ten

Monday 25th arose at 4.20. made 12. sacks did the week washing and housework. Addie came by the evening train. After her return I went to see the bereved Mother and Widow of Parley P. Price who died yesterday from their went down to Sister Balser's helped trim hats for the funeral came home between 1. am and 2 this a.m.

Tuesday 26th Arose about 9. Attended to home affairs a.m. Aunt Lavinia accompanied my Husband home to dinner. At 2.30 attended the funeral of Parley Price the speakers were Elders Jermey, Thomas Bywater. While Elias Morris J.F. Smith all spoke in Great prais of the departed. We followed the remains to its resting. David Edwards called as teacher in the eve we retired about ten

Wensday 27th arose at 6. W. still very pleasant did housework all day attended a meeting of the stockholders of the new School House in the eve came hom at ten retired at 11.

Thursday 28th arose about 5. did housework all day W. very fine retired before 9.

Friday 29th arose at 4.30. W. fine and warm. made 20 sacks did housework and repairing. read for the children in the eve from the Juvenile Instructor retired at 9.

9. Wilford Woodruff, *Leaves from My Journal* . . . *Designed for the Instruction and Encouragement of Young Latter-day Saints* (Salt Lake City: Juvenile Instructor Office, 1881). This was the third book in the Faith Promoting Series and covered Wilford Woodruff's early life, including his conversion to the LDS church, missions to the southern states and to England, and several reported cases of healing.

Saturday 30th arose at 5 W. fine and warm did housework all day; read for the children in the eve from the Juvenile Instructor. retired at ten.

May 1881

Sunday 1st arose at 4.5. bathed, and read till near seven. W. lovely. Received ~~an~~ a very pleasant visit from my Sister also a call from Effie and her sweet Babes and Husband. Miss Hadock called on Addie. retired before ten.

Monday 2nd arose at 4.20. W. very fine did the weeks washing and housework. Recived a postar card from my Brother stating the he expected to spend the summer working on the Manti Temple. there is now hopes that we may meet in this life.¹⁰ Read for the children from the Juvenile Instructor; retired at ten.

Tuesday 3rd arose at 4.40 W. fine and warm. read (Leaves from My Journal) till 5.30 did housework and sewing read for the children in the eve from *The Juvenile Instructor*; retired befor ten. wrote to my brother. My Sister called

Wensday 4th arose at 5.30. W. fin did housework repairing, millinary work and vistied the Block; retired at ten. 30

Thursday 5th arose at 4.40 W. fine did sewing and housework a.m. attended Committee Meeting p.m. had a very plasant time; Sisters Haywood and Pack visited us. Visited my Block after meeting, on carpet business being apointed committee on carpet for the new Meeting House Took comforts to Mother Williams who is failing fast Sent donation to the poor. retired before ten.

Friday 6th arose at 5. W. very fine did housework a.m. received a call from Elder John L. Jones who came in last night with the first company of Emigrants. p.m. called on on my neighbour Sister Wilson. also Mrs Annie Ridges Williams; visited Aunt Lavinia with Effie and sweet little Elias. Retired at ten.

Saturday 7th arose at 5. made 11 sacks; did housework went up town attended 14th Ward meeting came home soon after 5. attended to home affairs retired at ten 30.

Sunday 8th arose before 5. W. cool and gusty spent the day at home; taking care of the children Addie attended Tabernacle Miss Emma Williams and Sarah Haddoc [Haddock] accompanied her home. Read for the children in the eve in (Leaves from My Jornal) retired soon after nine

Monday 9th arose at 4.40. W. cool rainy changeable did the weeks washing and housework retired about ten

Tuesday 10th arose at 7. feeling sorely tired did some repairing housework

10. Mary Lois's brother, Charles Walker, was a resident of St. George, Utah. He went on a mission to Manti, Utah to work on the temple, arriving in Manti on April 30, 1881. His diary records that his work on the temple included cutting stone, standing guard, and working in the temple blacksmith shop. CWD, 552–59.

nearly all day. W. wet raining thundering and lighting. read for the children in the eve retired about ten

Wensday 11th arose soon after 5. rained all night did housework and sewing recive a meloncholy letter from my Brother and answered it W. cold and damp retired at 11.15.

Thursday 12th arose at 5.30 W. cold and fine did housework a.m. attended carpet meeting p.m. retired at 9, very tired

Friday 13th arose at 6. still very tired W. fine; did housework and repairing retired at midnight. Read for the children in (Leaves From My Jornal)

Saturday 14th Arose at 6. W. lovely did housework all day; this eve recived a present from my dear daughters Effie and Addie as it is my forty sixth birth day. May the Lord help me to be faithful to him and his work all my days retired at ten

Sunday 15th arose at 5.30 W. cloudy and sultry worked till 2. p.m. rain began to pour down and continued till 5.30 spent the day at home Addie and Kate attended Tabernacle spent the p.m. reading evening News and Exponants retired at 11. Read for the children in the eve.

Monday 16th arose at 4.45. W. cool after the rain did housework and sewing; read for the children from the J. Instructor retired at 9.

Tuesday 17th arose at 5. W. cold and fine. made 20 sacks ~~and~~ and did other sewing and housework Sister Brown called also Sister bynon. My Husband started for Park City this a.m. retired at ten

Wensday 18th arose at 4. W. still cool; Did housework, sewing and cutting out Effie called this eve retired at 11.

Thursday 19th arose about 4.30 W. cool and bright did millinery work and house a.m. attended carpet meeting p.m. went up town in the eve. Called on Cousin Mattie and Sister Bockholt. Sisters holden, Williams, Williams, and Rhodes called on me. retired after 11.

Friday 20th arose at 4.45. W. lovely did housework and sewing, called on Effie and Bro Horne. Did some writeing in the eve; read for the ~~for the~~ children in (Leaves From My Journal) retired about 11.

Saturday 21st arose before 5. W. hot; did housework all day went up town. retired about 11.

Sunday 22nd arose about 5. W. windy and dusty; little Eddie and Elias and their Papa called earley this a.m. p.m. we attended Tabernacle meeting the speakers were David C. Dunbar and John Nickleson We all attended evening meeting but little Kate; we were addressed by Prests A.M. Cannon and J.E. Taylor, retired at 9.30

Monday 23rd arose at 4.15. W. fine and cool, did a large washing and housework retired at 10.

Tuesday 24th arose at 7.30. still very tired, did housework all day retired at 9.

Wensday 25th arose before 5. W. fine did housework and ironing Willford Ridges called. we retired at 11.

Thursday 26th arose before 5. W. fine did housework and ironing attended Ward School exhibition Bro Edwards called as teacher. My Husband went to Ogden this p.m.¹¹ we retired at ten

Friday 27th arose at 4.5. W. warm did housework sewing and repairing attended children party in the eve retired after midnight.

Saturday 28th arose at 4.35 W. warm did housework all day; little Kate recived a gash in her forehead from a stone being thrown at her I recved a letter from my Brother retired at before eleven.

Sunday 29th arose between 5. and 6. W. warm. worked all day. Addie and little Kate went with Father out to Sugrhouse Ward. Effie and her dear Babes spent the day with me. Nephi and George, attended S.S. Addie and Nephi attended Ward meeting retired at 9.30.

Monday 30th arose at 4.5. W very warm worked till noon; Addi went to peasant Valley with the Ward. Nephi and George accompanied their father to Black Rock; Kate and I spent the day quietly at home; feel rather depressed in spirits this eve but feel that all will work out for my own good if I am faithful and obedient. So endeth deckeration Day;¹² retired befor ten.

Tuesday 31st arose at 4.30. W. warm. a.m. did housework and visited the Block. made a pair of garments; p.m. did housework and made another pair, Sister Foster called as teacher read for the children in the eve in (leaves From My Journal) retired at 9.

June 1881

†st Wensday 1st arose before 4. washed all day did housework and retired before 11.

Thursday 2nd arose at 4.30 did repairing and housework and attended fast meeting a.m. Attended committee meeting p.m. called on Sister Eccles who is very sick. Took comforts to Sister Williams. did housework and retired at 9.30 ~~frid~~

Friday 3rd arose at 4.15. W. still very warm. Before noon was called to my Daughter Effie who at 4. p.m. gave premature birth to a fine boy. Baby dead, mother doing well. Death though in a miner cakes casts its gloom.

Saturday 4th still with Effie, she is pretty weel to day. feels to acknowledg the hand of God in her deliverence but mourns the loss of her babe. Aunt Aggie called on Effie to day. Bro [Henry] Emery of the 16th Ward did this p.m. the house of Bro Greger was burnt down to day; it is said a

11. Elias Morris's visit to Ogden, Utah, may be related to the fire that destroyed the Ogden Union Pacific and Central Pacific transfer depot and twenty cars of merchandise on this day, May 26, 1881. *Chronology*, 108.

12. More commonly known as Memorial Day and celebrated on the last Monday in May.

child is burnt also. retired at 11.

Sunday 5th arose at six Effie doing well reived pleasant calls from Winnie Tibbs Maggie Thomas Aunt Ann Trayhirm Sister ashton and Sister Duncanson also had an intresting chat with Bro Ashton aboute old times in this Valley. retired late. Sister Mollie Griggs Baby was buried to day died last friday

Monday 6th spent the a.m. with Effie p.m. did housework and repairing retired at 10.30

Tuesday 7th arose before 5. W. pleasant did housework all day retired about 10.

Wednesday 8th arose at 5.10 did housework ~~son~~ some ironing; Bros [Alexander Morris] Ledingham and Edwards called as teachers retired before eleven

Thursday 9th arose about 5. W. cool and pleasant. did housework a.m. and went up town on business about the matting. p.m. attended carpet meeting. did housework retired at 9.30. rain this eve my husband went to Ogden this a.m. returned p.m.

Friday 10 arose at 4.30 W. cool and plasant some rain and thunder did housework all day retired after 11.

Saturday 11th arose before 5. W. cool and fine did housework and transacted business up town, retired at midnight.

Sunday 12th arose at 5.30 rain comeing down. day clear and cool. spent it al expecting company; called on Effie in the eve retired before ten.

Monday 13th arose at 4.40. W. fine did housework and repairing read for the children in the eve from J. Instructor retired about 9.

Tuesday 14th arose about 5. W. hot did housework all day retired about 9. Little Kate sick in the night

Wensday 15th arose at 6. W. fine and cool did housework and repairing

Thursday 16th arose at 4.30 W. fine did housework and sewing called on Effie in the eve retired at ten.

Friday 17th arose before 5. W. fine did housework and sewing. retired at 9.

Saturday 18th arose before 5. W. fine did housework all day retired at Midnight.

Sunday 19th W arose about 6. W. warm spent the day at home Aunt Hattie Burton called in the eve. retired at 9.30.

Monday 20th arose at 5.5. W. cool and breezy, washed all day Sister Rowe called in the eve retired about ten

Tuesday 21st arose about 5. W. fine did housework all day retired at 10.30

Wensday 22nd arose at 4.20. W cool did housework and ironing retired about 10

Thursday 23rd arose earley did housework and coloring retired late much fatigued

Friday 24th arose earley did housework and ironing retired at 11. Sister

Parks and children called.

Saturday 25th arose earley W. hot did housework all day; Nephi had his foot hurt to day; will be a cripple for several days; retired at 11. little Kate almost strangled about 12. with Whooping cough.¹³

Sunday 26th arose about 6. W. hot spent the day at home with the children. Miss Haddock supped with us. I had the pleasure of attending Ward meeting which was addressed by Daniel Tyler of beaver. called on Effie after meeting retired at 11.

Monday 27th arose at 5.20 did a large washing retired at 8.30 feeling very tired.

Tuesday 28th arose at 5. W. hot did housework all day retired feeling very w

Wensday 29th arose earley about 4. did housework and ironing. rtired late

Thursday 30th W very hot did housework and sewing F

July 1881

Friday 1st arose earley worked as yesterday retired at 11.

Saturday 2nd arose before 4. W. very hot did sewing housework and transacted business up town retired at 11. Prest Garfield was shot to day.¹⁴

Sunday 3rd arose at 4.20 W. hot Myself and Husband were sent for by our dear Daughter Effie who was very ill but is now better. Miss John of Provo is visiting with Addie retired at 11

Monday 4th arose about 6. W. peasant; worked till 3 p.m. spent the rest of the day very pleasantly reading Exponants. Addie went to the Lake with her Provo friends we retired about 9.

Tuesday 5th arose soon after 5. did housework and visited the Block retired about 12.

Wensday 6th arose before 4. did the weeks washing and housework little Gerge was taken sick of diptheria to day. Bp Pollard called on my Husband retired very late

Thursday 7th arose about 6. feeling very tired did housework most of the

13. Whooping cough is a respiratory infection that is primarily found in children under two years of age. It often occurs in epidemics and is caused by a bacterium invading the respiratory tract. Its symptoms begin with a sneeze and night cough, then become rapid, consecutive coughs, and finally the coughs decrease in frequency.

14. On July 2, 1881, Charles J. Guiteau shot President James Garfield (1831–1881). President Garfield died of his wound on September 19, 1881, and his vice president, Chester Arthur, became president. To many contemporary Americans, Garfield's death "seemed a tragedy unmatched since the Civil War and they responded with an extravagant outburst of public mourning" (Foner, *The Reader's Companion to American History*, 438–39). See also Vincent DeSantis, *The Shaping of Modern America, 1877–1920*, 52–53.

day retired at 9.30

Friday 8th arose about 6. W. cool and peasant did housework all day; evening chilly wrappings comfortabl retired at 12.

Saturday 9th arose at 6. W. fine and cool, attended Stake Con—a.m. the speakers were J.E. Taylor Elias Smith and D.O. Calder. Transacted business p.m. went out to Black Rock in the eve, accompanied by Addie Katie Sister Brown and her daughters Reen and Nell and Miss Eamma Balser. to Join my Husband and his men and famies who had spent the day there. Little George went with us. his health being restored by the blessing of God through the power of the holy priesthood; he was admistered to on thursday night and went out to play all day on friday.

Sunday 10 arose at 5: 5.45 W. cool and cloudy, attended Conference a.m. had a splndid time; spent p.m. at home takeing care of the children; Addie attended Con— Miss Haddoc accompanied her home. we retired at 9.30.

Monday 11th arose at 4.15. W. peasant did the weeks washing; at 10 p.m. called on Sister Eccles who was dying stayed and helpd lay her out came home after 12. retired about 1. o'clock.

Tuesday 12th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework and preserveing fruit. Aunt Hannah called, also my son in law Mr E.T. Ashton. Called on Sister Eccles's folks before we retired at 10

Wensday 13th arose at 4.45. at 8.15 went to dress Sister Eccles in company with Sister Hattie Burton. At 10. attended the funeral, followed the remains to the cemetry came home at 2. p.m. did housework till after 9, retired at 11.

Thursday 14th arose before 5. W. hot did housewor and sewing retired about 11. recived a letter from my brother

Friday 15th arose before 5. W. very hot. worked as yesterday; my Husband started this p.m. for Montanna¹⁵ we retirde about ten

Saturday 16th arose about 5. W. hot and sultry did housework all day; at night heard of the of the death of Grandmother Williams which occured this p.m. at 6. We retired at 11.

Sunday 17th arose at 5.45. W. cloudy and hot, did housework till 10.30 went to Sister Kimball's about clothes for Grandmother Williams called on Sister Rolands faded about the corpes; came home before 2. very tired spent p.m. at home. Aunt Hannah spent the eve with us, we retired at 10

Monday 18th arose at 5.5. W. sultry and cloudy at 9. went to dress Grandmother Williams. At ten attended the Funeral; the seakers were Bros Jemery, Giles, Jones, Ashton and Pollard. Came home at noon. did housework, retired at 9.30

Tuesday 19th arose at 4.30. W. cloudy rained last night. At 11. a.m. attended

15. Elias went to Montana with nine employees to oversee the brick work on furnaces for the Moulton Mining Company near Butte City. *Deseret Evening News*, July 16, 1881.

the funeral of Prest Joseph Young The Music was very solom and grand the surroundings very imposing the speakers were Prests Woodruff G.Q. Cannon, and John Taylor the cortag was large the Professe George Carless composed a tune last evening called (Joseph) Which the Choir sang to day, directed by himself and accompanied by his Wife accompanied Addie on business in town; came home at 6. p.m. retired at 9.30.

Wensday 20th arose at 4.10. W. much cooler did houswork all day, finished cleaning the new part of the house Aunt Hannah makeing the carpet had a pleasant chat with her in the eve; we retired about ten.

Thursday 21 arose at 4.45 W. not so hot; did the weeks washing retired about ten

Friday 22nd arose at 5.15. W. peasant, contined house ceaning, received a call from my Sister. retired after 11

Saturday 23rd arose at 4.45 W. fine spent the day in cleaning, retired before 12.

Sunday 24th arose about 6 W. fine feel very tired from last weeks work. at 10 a.m. my dear Brother arrived from Manti. before 12 accompanied by him attended the dedication of our beautiful new Meeting House which has erected in two years and a few days, and is said to be the handsomest in the territory of its size, which is very spacious and lofty.¹⁶ Addie accompanied her Uncl to the Tabernacle. Ma stayed at home to guard the Children we retired at 9.30 sill feeling very tired

Monday 25th arose between six and seven feeling quite poorly, spent the day at home quietly this being a holyday in place of yesterday but no demonstrations on account of Prest Garfeild's illness Addie took her Uncle Charles out to Sugar House Ward to visit Aunt Aggie we retired about 10.

Tuesday 26th arose soon after 5. W. fine shower dureing the day. Did hou-work all day; recved a visit from my friend Mrs Clara Loverage, Addie sang and played for us retired about 11.

Wensday 27th arose soon after 5 did housework all day Mrs Loverige left this p.m. we retired before 11

Thursday 28th arose soon after 5. W. hot did housework and washing; recived a letter from my Husband and answered it. Retired at 11.

Friday 29th arose at 5.30 W. hot; did housework and attended to business in town; retired at an hour past midnight.

Saturday 30th arose at 5.30 W. hot and windy spent a.m. at (Lake Point)

16. Between 1852 and 1881, the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward met on the top floor of a two-story adobe building known as the "Granary," located on First South, between Third and Fourth West Streets. The bottom floor of the building was used for storing grain. On July 4, 1879, the building of a new meetinghouse on First South near Third West was commenced. The new Fifteenth Ward chapel, which cost about twelve thousand dollars, was dedicated on July 24, 1881. Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 9; Jenson, *Encyclopedic History*, 750.

p.m. at (Black Rock) in company with my Sister and Mrs Clara Loverage Miss Jenson, my daughters Effie Addie, and Kate, George and Nephi. My Bother and Bro Loverage Joining us in the eve. Had a plasant time. Returned about eight retired at nine dreadfully tired.

Sunday 31st arose at 5.30 W. hot; my Sister and Brother spent the day with me chating about family affairs of long ago retired after ten.

August 1881

Monday 1st arose at 5.30. W. warm; did housework all day. Sister Marcroft, my daughter Effie and Neice Annie called upon me; my Brother took his departure for my Sister's home. Retired at ten.

Tuesday 2nd arose at 5.30. W. pleasant; did housework all day. My brother returned to day from Sugarhouse Ward; at 7. went to Effie's spent a an hour or two pleasantly ~~returned at ten~~ there with him; returned at ten, retired at 11.

Wensday 3rd arose at 5.15. W. hot did housework a.m. visited my block p.m. retired at 9.30 very very tired. Addie taken very ill dureing the night; and was healed in answer to ernest prayre.

Thursday 4th arose soon after 7. W. hot, thunder storm at noon. Attended fast meeting a.m. Committee p.m. My brother returned from Logan this a.m. my sister came this eve stayed all night retired soon after 11.

Friday 5th arose at 6. W. still very hot. my Sister went home this a.m. bidding My brother goodbye. At noon my Husband returned from Montana rather poorley. At 3 p.m., Attended the furnal of Bro W.C. Staines Apostle J.F. Smith spoke we retired at 10.30

Saturday 6th arose at 6. W hottest yet known. did housework all day; Bro Chrochron called. retired about midnight.

Sunday 7th arose at 5.30 W. pleasant did house work a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Apostles W. Woodruff B. Young John Henry Smith spoke excelently. After meeting accompanied my brother to my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges had a plasant visit. From there went to evening meeting in our own Ward had a good drenching on the way, we were address by Apostle J.F. Smith. We retired about 11.

Monday 8th arose earley W. moderate did millinary work and cleaning. At 2. p.m. my Bro started for Manti. Called on Sister Kimball and my Daughter Effie also Sister Parks Miss Jones and Ashton went with me. we came home at ten retired soon after.

Tuesday 9th arose about 6. W. warm did housework all day retired about ten

Wensday 10th arose before 6. W. fine a.m. thunder and rain p.m. did housework and repairing my Husband went to Ogden and returned to day; Bro Hall called this eve we retired about ten

Thursday 11th arose before 6. ground very wet W. fine, did housework all day called on Effie this eve. Nephi and George came to bring me home, retired about nine.

Friday 12th arose before 6. W. fine did a good deal of cleaning a.m. p.m. received a very pleasant visit from my Daughter Effie. Sister Ashton Sister Roberts and Miss Mary Jones. retired at 9. My Husband went to Park City to day

Saturday 13th arose at 5.30 W. ~~hot~~ hot did housework repairing and transacted business up town retired at 9. overpowered with weariness

Sunday 14th arose about 6. W. cloudy thunder and rain. did housework till ten. read till 1.30 attended tabernacle meeting the speakers were T.F. Howells and C.W. Penrose. Spent the eve at home, fasted today; dreadful thunder and rain before noon to day; lighting this eve retired before 9. feeling very weak.

Monday 15th arose earley did housework all day. W. pleasant our old friend Mr Ed Durnford called this eve; my Husband returned from Park City to day. retired after 9.

Tuesday 16th arose at 5.45. W. plasant cloudy lightening this eve. Worked among the fruit all day. Sister Grey called. Called on Bro Evans's family this eve Baby better. presented them with some lines I had composed to his memory. retired at ten.

Wensday 17th arose at 5. W. pleasant did housework all day; Misses Ashton and Russell called, retired soon after 9

Thursday 18th arose before 5. W. cool and showery, heavy rain and hail between 12 and 1. p.m. worked among the fruit all day. Little Harrie Lewis died this p.m. called on Aunt Nancy and Hannah this eve, found them very weary from watching the Babe. Retired at ten.

Friday 19th arose at 5.15. W. fine did a good deal of cleaning. called on Sister Bockholt. Sister Grey called on us, retired before 9. very weary.

Saturday 20th arose at 5.30 W. fine did housework attended the furnarel of little Harrie Lewis. Elders T.E. Giles and T.F. Howells spoke excelently. Transacted business up town retired at 10.30.

Sunday 21st arose earley, W. fine, worked till 11. spent the day at home, though had a great desire to attend meeting. Addie attended S.S. p.m. and eve meeting, I guarded the Children Effie and her sweet Babes spent the eve with us, we retired at ten.

Monday 22nd arose at 5.25. W. very fine, did housework attended a funeral of Sister Ann Duncanson's Grandson at the residence of Grandparents we retired soon after 9.

Tuesday 23rd arose at 5.5. W. pleasant sewed most of the day. retired in good time.

Wensday 24th arose earley W. fine did housework sewing and coloring; called to see Sister Ball's sick babe Called on Effie Misses Jone and Ashto

brought me home. retired about ten

Thursday 25th arose earley sewed most of the day; W very plasant called on Sister Ball Baby better. Recived a letter from My Brother, also one from Grandma Morris. Sister Rudy called. worked on a batheing suit till after one, retired before 2.

Friday 26th arose before 6. W. very blustery spent the forepart of the day at ~~Lake~~ Black Rock; had no enjoyment on acct of high wind; came home on the p.m. train; retired before 9. haveing spent a very tiresome day.

Saturday 27th arose before six W. cool and pleasant; spent most of the day in cleaning in the eve called on my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges who is very ill we retired about ten

Sunday 28th arose before six W. pleasant attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Elder T.B. Lewis spoke with great power to the joy of his hearers. Followed by Apsstl J.H. Smith. Walked home with Miss Mary Jones. bought Mother Williams home with me. Dureing last night my Daughter Addie was seased with cholomordes and was healed by the prayer of faith for which I feel to thank God. Also last tuesday night George was troubled with tooth ache after trying another remedy I anointed his teeth with holy oil in the ~~nam~~ name of Jesus, and the outside of his face by his own request he slept sweetly the rest of the night how good it is to trust our heavenly Father. This eve we all attended evening meeting; retired soon after nine

Monday 29th arose at 6. W. pleasant did housework and washing Miss Cheer Gardner and Mr called we retired about 9.

Monday 30th arose before 5. W. cool and pleasant did housework and sewing went up town; retired about ten. August 1881

Wensday 31st arose at 5.15. W. pleasant sewed till nearley nine spent the rest of the day in cleaning. Miss Parker and Sister Foster called as teachers; Retired at 9.30.

September 1881

Thursday 1st arose at 5.15. W. very plasant; sewed till nearley eight; went around the Block; attended Fast meeting at ten; had much of the spirit of God in our midst spoke a few words under its influence at tow p.m. attended Committee meeting; had a good time spoke a few words as impressed by the spirit of God. Called on Sister Griggs found her very feeble. Called on Sister Willson little Girl very ill. We retired at 9.30

Friday 2nd arose before 5. W. fine sewed and transacted business in town called on Bp Pollard and Wife Bro Lewis, Effie, Sister Roberts and Miss Jones. Wached little] Wittie Willson [Florence Witty Wilson] all night had very pleasant conversation with her Uncle Thomas Pride.

Saturday 3rd came home at 7. rested a.m. did clening p.m. retired at 10.

Sunday 4th arose at 5.30. W. plasant worked till ten. stayed till noon. called on little Wittie. attend Tabernacle; attended Ward meeting Watched little Wittie Willson all night

Monday 5th came home soon after seven had a plasant visit with Miss S. Hadock who stayed with Addie over night reted a.m. transacted busines in town p.m. retired at ten.

Tuesday 6th arose earley W. pleasant, did housework; at 4. p.m. was called to little Wittie who seemed to be dying; called in the Elders, child better; put away doctors medicine conclude to trust in God who framed her. she durezza the night.

Wensday 7th W. fine, still watching little Wittie, assist in washing and anointing her, stay with all day, doctors discharged; makes them very mad. Watch durezza the night

Thursday 8th W. fine, Wittie not so well, conclude still to trust in God, with our own efforts, call in my Elders to administer to her, watch durezza the night

Friday 9th W. fine, Wittie some better. have more hope, remain with her all day, we are all hopeful now; was called home at night, went to bed for the first time since monday.

Saturday 10th arose about 9. W. lovely did cleaning a.m. attended 14th Ward meeting p.m. a good spirit prevailed quenshd that spirit my self. retired at 10.

Sunday 11th arose at 5.30. W. fine spent the day at home; in the eve recved a visit from my old friend Mr Ed Durnford accompanied by his Mother Sister and little Daughtr had a plasant time; Effie and Ed called later in the eve retired before ten; this p.m. called on Sister Willson little Wittie quite comfortable for which I feel to prais God her parents are in extacies.

Monday 12th arose earley. W. fin did housework all day composed some verces. In the eve called Effie, Sister Pollard, and Sister Roberts. Retired before ten

Tuesday 13th arose earley, W. fine, did housework and sewing and in company with Sister Pollard visited the new comers in the Ward. At eight p.m. ~~visited~~ went to sit up with Sister Willson who is sick watched her and little Wittie who is now pevish from her sever illnes came home before ten rested a.m.

Wensday 14th did housework p.m. went up town in the eve; retired before nine.

Thursday 15th arose at 6.15. W. fine did housework and sewing went up town to add my signiture to a deed of sale of my Fathers property of Decald Ill.¹⁷ had a long chat with Bro A.M. Cannon. came home before 2.

17. In 1872, married women in Utah were given the "legal right to own and convey their own property." In this case, Mary Lois's signature seems to have been needed for

attended to home affairs, retired before ten.

Friday 16th arose before 5. W. fine did repairing housework and went up town. Misses Russell and Kimball called. Had a chat with Bro Ball while up town Retired ~~in~~ about ten.

Saturday 17 arose earley made a pair of garments before brakefast spent the rest of the day in cleaning; retired about ten, W. fine.

Sunday 18th arose at 5.30 W. bright and windy accompanied my Husband as home Missionary to Granit Ville 16 miles south,¹⁸ had good meeting; accompanied by my Husbands fellow Missionary Robert Dixon we dined with Bro and Sister Boice who made us very happy. The lady is young pretty amiable and refined; had a very peasant ride home, arrived before six Called on little Wittie Willson who has had a relaps on account her Mother's sickness; Mother bettr we retired about ten.

Monday 19th arose at 4.30 read till six. W. fin did sewing housework and transacted important business up town. President James A Garfield died to night at 10.35 oclock all the ~~bete~~ beels in town are toaling. Retired at 11.

Tuesday 20th arose about 5.30. W. fine; all business is suspended, flags at half mast; public buildings draped in Black Did housework all day, spent the eve reading the account of Prest Garfields death, and sketch of his life. Retired at 11.

Wensday 21st arose soon after 5. W fine and windy continued housecleaning, my Da Effie and little Grandson Eddie called Addie assisted in the Childrens Fair.¹⁹ we retired before nine oclock.

Thursday 22nd arose at 5.10. W. blustery. worked as yesterday

Friday 23rd arse earley, rained some last night, rain poured down this a.m. accompanied by thunder and lighting took Nephis marble slab ~~st~~ to the Fair cam home at noon. p.m. attended Society Conference, had a splended time. Transacted business in town visited the Children's Fair, came home before dark, retired about 11.

Saturday 24th arose earley. W. fine rather chilly did housework all day; feel rather down cast. This eve feel rather proud and happy seeing ~~the~~ a

the sale of her deceased father's property, which most likely passed to his children at his death. Carol Cornwall Madsen, "Feme Covert': Journey of a Metaphor," 57.

18. Most likely Grantsville, located at the south side of the Great Salt Lake, thirty-three miles southwest of Salt Lake City. The reference may be to the town of Granite, located at the mouth of Little Cottonwood Canyon, which served as a campsite for those working in the LDS church granite quarries and other nearby mines. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 161-62.
19. Primary fairs exhibited children's handiwork, including "quilts, embroidery, wool and paper flowers, stockings, braided rugs, nutmeg graters, ladders, hay racks, drawings, whips, and nose sacks, in addition to foodstuffs." The exhibitions consisted of items that children commonly made at home. Derr, "Sisters and Little Saints," 79-80.

notice in this evenings News of Nephi's marble slab and Katies littl Pillow in the Childrens Fair;²⁰ retired about 11.

Sunday 25th arose before 6. W. fine, did housework till near 1. at 1. p.m. attended the funeral of Bro S. Reeves's baby. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Apostle W. Woodruff spoke, to our Joy and edification. Accompanied him and a number of Bretheren and Sister Woodruff and Sister Kimball to Bro Willson's they adminstered to little Wittie who is very low of a relaps. came home about ten and retired.

Monday 26th arose earley cloudy a.m. fine p.m. this is a holyday all over the nation as Prest Garfield is to be buried to day. did housework and sewing called on little Wittie who is much better fasted to day for her benfit. read for the children in (Leaves From My Journal) retired about 9.

Tuesday 27th arose earley washed all day retired about 9. W. cloudy and cold.

Wensday 28th arose at 6.30 feeling tired from yesterdays work; W. as yesterday. a.m. assisted the upholster p.m. continued fitting up; in the eve took little Kate to the Childrens Fair transacted business s up town retired about ten.

Thursday 29th arose at 3.30 washed beding a.m. finished at two p.m. read and rested from 4. p.m. being much fataged. Bro D. [David Samuel] Edwards as teacher in the eve. W. cold and cloudy and sunny hailed at noon; we retired at 10. oclock.

Friday 30th arose at 6. W. clear and cold; spent the day in repareing did housework in the eve read finished (Leaves From My Jornal) retired at ten.

October 1881

Saturday 1st arose about six W. warm transacted business up town. Called on Bro Comball on geneological matters. attended to home affairs retired bef after midnight. ~~My Husband returned from Park City~~

Sunday 2nd arose at 6.30. W. fine Spent the day at home; My Husband returned from Park City. my little son Nephi is 11 years old to day we attended eve meeting had Bros Macalaster and Penrose addressed us. we retired about ten

Monday 3rd arose about 5. W. warm and blustery worked till am at noon Cousins Mary Robason and Lizzie Morris and Mrs Smith arrived as Con—visters. My Neice Mrs Ridges who has been called also. Addie accompa—

20. The newspaper notice about the Primary Fair said that from the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, there was a "marble bed foot, lettered, boy of 10; pillow, girl of 5." *Deseret Evening News*, September 24, 1881.

nied the folks to the Theater I worked till 11. o'clock and retired. Apostle Orson Pratt died this a.m.

Tuesday 4th arose earley W. blustery and warm did housework and sewing recived a call from my old friend Sister Maggie [Margaret Alice Corlett] Parry who arrived from the south this a.m. We attended the Territorial Fair in company with my Husband. Miss Jones, Miss Nellie Aunt Lizzie Parry, Uncle Ed Parry and Wife; we retired about 12.

Wensday 5th arose at 5.40. W. waarm and Windy; did housework and visited my block; Recived a call from our dear old friend Bro Elizer Edwards had a long chat. The p.m. Aunt Sarah [Elizabeth Henderson] Morris arrived from Morgan Co. we retired about 11.

Thursday 6th arose at 5.10. W. fine did housework a.m and viewed the remains of our beloved Apostle Orson Pratt. As he was pure in life, so was he pure and beautiful in death. His funeral and that of Fermoze Little Young, convened at 1. p.m. to day; Apostles W. Woodruff L. Snow F.D. Richards and Prest Taylor spoke grandly in reference to Bro Pratt. Bro G.Q. Cannon spoke beautyfully in reference to the life and conduct of Bro F.L. Young. a cortage of fifty nine carrages followed the remains of our beloved and esteemed Bro Pratt Never has Israel buried a btter man.

Friday 7th arose a earley W. fine attended Con a.m. the speakers were Apostles F.M. Lyman and C.W. Penrose both spoke excellently. p.m. attended to home affairs Cousin Mary Robison and Charlie Stevens started for home.

Saturday 9th arose about 5. W. lovely attended Con a.m. attended to home affairs p.m. Addie accompanied her friends to the Theater we retired long after midnight

Sunday 10th arose soon after 5. W. very fine Aunt Sarah left for home by the early train. We attended Con. a.m. guarded the children p.m. received a letter from my Bro this eve; we retired at 10.30.

Monday 10th arose at 4.40. thundering rain and lighting as we rise ~~before nine~~ sultry durement the day. ~~Tuesday 11th arose at 6.30. Wind high and lighting durement durement night~~ did housework and sewing, recived a call from my Sister and her grandson Parley [Pratt] Eldredge. ~~began to read (Gems For the Young Folks)~~ retired earley

Tuesday 11th arose at 6.30 Wind high and Lighting durement the night. Had company for dinner Uncle Ed and Maggie Parry Aunt Lizzie Coray My Daughter Effie and Grandchildren. my Neice Barbara Swan. and children Father [John] Parry being sick was excused. Had a long chat with Uncle Ed after the folks left on the train Effie and babes also stayed the afternoon with us began reading (Gems for the Young Folks)²¹ retired at 9.30.

21. Benjamin Brown, *Gems for the Young Folks: Designed for the Instruction and Encouragement of Young Latter-day Saints* (Salt Lake City, Utah: Juvenile Instructor Office, 1881). This

Wensday 12th arose at 5.30 W. fine sewed most of the day, little Eddie spent the night with us. retired at nine.

Thursday 13th arose at 5.30. W. dusty warm and very windy. sewed most of the day, did repairing in the eve, also read a very pleasant chapter in (Gems for the Young Folks) retired at ten.

Friday 14th arose at 5.30. snow sprinkled as we arise, W. cold and cloudy did housework most of the day, some repairing; had a good time reading for the children in (Gems For The Young Folks) in the eve, continued repairing retired at 10.30.

Saturday 15th arose before 6. W. fine. At ten Bp Pollard called and requested us to attend the funeral of Edward [Thomas] Hunter Latimer, Grandson of Bp Edward Hunter. followed the remains to the graveyard, came home at 3. oclock attended to home affairs. called on Bro Robert Cambell while out; retired at ten.

Sunday 16th arose at 5.10 W. lovely did housework ill nine at ten attended the furnal of Bp Edwin Wooley [Edwin Dilworth Woolley] who died yesterday noon. The speakers were Bp Hunter Bp Wiler Bp Sheets A.M. Cannon. Cptin [William Henry] Hooper Fermoze [Feramorz] Little William Naylor and D.H. Wells. the services were continued at 2 p.m. the speakers being F.M. Lyman and J.H. Smith all spoke highly of the deceased we spend the p.m. at home, and eve at Ward meeting. retired at ten.

Monday 17th arose before 5. W. fine, spent most of the day cutting out and sewing called on Sister Willson, little Wittie siting up and eating, little May [Jennie May Wilson] very ill of fever. retired before ten

Tuesday 18th arose before 5. W. fine, bgan washing at seven finished at 3. p.m. continued housework called on sister Willson little May no btter. read rested and wrote in the eve retired at ten.

Wensday 19th arose at 6. W. lovely feel tired from yesterdays work; did housework and sewig a.m. p.m. visited the newcomers of the Ward, my partners being sick I went alone the first family I visited was Sister Walk and Sister—then called on my Daughter Effie then on Matie Ashton with her new Babe. Next visited Sister Saley, who Son is very ill had an intresting time felt blessed in my Efforts; came home after dark stayed all night with little May Willson.

Thursday 20th came home at 5.20 a.m. rested a while did housework a.m. p.m. recived a visit from my Neice Mrs Eva Woods of Malad. accompanied

book was the fourth book of the Faith Promoting Series. It includes an account by Abraham A. Kimball of his childhood with relatives who had left the Mormon church and his eventual return to the LDS church, the experiences of J. Nicholson while in charge of a company of LDS immigrants, and the experience of a mother who had faith that God would answer her prayers.

by her Sisters Lona and Aggie and their Mother; also my Daughter Effie and babes, had a peasant time assisted Effie home with her babes called on Aunt Nancy, Jennie Labron, Cousin Mattie Sister Ball and had a long chat with Sister Parker came home at 8. At 9. went to sit up with little May but returned and retired at 9.30.

Friday 21st arose at 5.20 W. wet did housework and entertained Miss Williams a.m. at 11 went to help Sister Willson little May very ill. Came home at six; read for the children in the (Gems for the Young Folks) did some writeing. My Husband returne from Park City last night we retired at 11.

Saturday 22nd arose at 6.20 W. wet spent most of the day in cleaning; went up town p.m. retired at ten. Addie watched little May Willson all night.

Sunday 23rd arose about six W. very fine. did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were John Nickelson and Apostle W. Woodruf. On my way home ~~home~~ was met by my Husband who told me that our little son Nephi's leg was broken, it had occured while he was pulling hay for the hor[s]es but was comfortable now. Effie and Ed came to see us in the eve Addie was left in care of the children and she had to stand the shock with oute a mothers aid. his Father broke the news very gently to me; we watched him all night

Monday 24 still watching my little son, recved many callers Mrs Van, Sister Pierpont, Sister Morgan Aunt Hannah Sister Willson though in great trouble her self. Bro Horn Andrew Johnson and Miss A. [Anna] Bowring and E. Burges [Edith Amelia Burgess] and a host of children Ed called in the eve. a telegram was recived from Cedar City stateing that Father John Parry died yesterday at 8 a.m.²² His Daughter Mary and Son Edward left with the 2. o clock train to attend the furnal. W. fine to day

Tuesday 25th W. fine Nephi has rested better than sunday night feels better to day his Fathe left for Park City this p.m. Effie and little Eddie called this eve Miss Mary Jones spent the eve with us brought a presant for Nephi we retired soon after nine.

Wensday 26th arose about 7. W. pleasant Nephi had a dreadful spell last night was relved by anonting with holy oil. we have had many callers to day; Bro and Sister Elias Davis, Jemima Morgan and Burt Ruppe [Burton Samuel Rupp]. Aunt Aggie, Cousin Eva and children and Florence Ridges spent p.m. with us. Bro Burges [Charles Burgess] called. dear Effie and darling Eddie Miss Jane Parker, Bro David Edwards Cousin Wm C. and Wife, Jemima Morgan, Charlie [Charles Ure] Griggs David Parry Miss Lizzie Kimball we retired before midnight. Mr Will and Miss Nellie Bowring

Thursday 27th arose between 6 and 7. W. rather wet. Nephi had another

22. John Parry (1801–1881) was the father of Mary Parry Morris, Elias Morris's first wife.

bad spell last night anointed him with holy oil he soon afterwards slept to day his health is improved Sister Pierpont called a.m. In the eve Miss C. Bockholt, Miss Rosa Edington [Rosina Matilda Eddington] Miss Mary Jones and Claud Clive. We retired about ten

Friday 28th arose before 7. Nephi rested better than any other night. did some sewing as well as nursein. Miss Nell Brown called this eve, also Marsters Bowring Morgan and Vrie. Did writing sewing read for the children in (Baby Ways) retired about 10 it has rained all day.

Saturday 29th arose at 4.30 Nephi has had a good night; read from 5. till 6. soon after Bro Willso came to say that little May was dead. I hasened over to lay her out; remained with them all day, recived callers and helped make her berial clothes; wacthed the little corpes most of the night

Sunday 30th at daylight began to make preparations for the funeral helped to dress the little corpes and put her in the coffin Bro A.M. Cannon spoke beautifully at the funeral; took care of the house and children in company with Isabella Britt. Tried to greet the heartstricken parents cheerfully; came home at 3. p.m. Found Nephi happy with Effie and Ed, Eddie and Elias and a host of little Boys. yesterday Mother Empie, Andrew Johnson and cousin Wm C. Morris called This a.m. Misses E. Ashton Bell Russell and Nettie Hawly We retired at 9.

Monday 31st Nephi has had a dreadful night his pains began at 9. last night continued till 10 a.m. to day Mrs Lavina Johnson and Miss Kimball called. also Sister Foster and Miss Parker as teachers. In the eve my Neice Mrs Eva Woods and dear little children came to stay with us, we retired about ten

November 1881

Tuesday 1st arose about six W. fine Nephi had a good night Miss Russell called, and Sister Ridge made us a visit did housework all day wrote in the eve read for the Children in the eve in (Baby Ways) retired at 9.30.

Wensday 2nd arose at 4.40 read from 5. till 6. W. fine my Neice Mrs Eva Woods and children started home this a.m. Nephi had a good night last night suffers a good deal this eve. Visited my block this p.m. recived a letter from my Husban Misess Rosa Edington and Charl Bockholt and Willie Mackean called ths eve; we retired at ten

Thursday 3rd arose before 7. W. fine Nephi had a good night did repairing a.m. and sent dontions to the poor. Effie and her Babes called also Aunts Sarah and Emma Ashton. p.m. attended Committee meeting; visited my block on quilt business. Answered my Husbands letter attended to home affairs, read for the children in (Baby Ways) retired about 9.

Friday 4th arose at 3.30 worked on society quilt till 5.40 W. lovely did sew-

ing a.m. cleanng p.m. My Husband came home from Park City this eve; retired at 10.

Saturday 5th arose at 6. W. fine spent the day in cleaning; did repairing in the eve retired at 11.

Sunday 6th arose before 6. W. cloudy high Wind and snow between 10. and 12. first of this season. Attended Assembly Hall p.m. the speakers wer Bp Rudge and Milo Andrus. Called on Sister Willson. Read for the children in the eve in (Baby Ways) Miss Mary Jones accompanied Addie home; also Mr Ed Ashton we retired at 11.

Monday 7th arose at 6.30 deep snow on the ground W. cold and wet, did housework all day retired about 10.

Tuesday 8th arose at 4.30 W. fine and cold did sewing most of the day; my Husband left for Park City by earley train. Read for the children in the eve in (Baby Ways) retired about ten.

Wensday 9th arose at 5.5. W. fine did housework and went up town p. a.m. had the Sisters off my Block help me on the Block quilt p.m. work till seven. Brother D. Edwards called as teacher. we retired about ten

Thursday 10th arose at 5.30 W. fin did housework a.m. p.m. called on Sister M. Pierpont, Sister Ella Russell, and My Daughtr Effie. little Eddie sick. came home before dark called on Sister Rudy. Sewed in the eve. retired about ten

Friday 11th arose before 5. W. cloudy did housework a.m. Assorted paper rags p.m. Took Nephi to the doctors in the eve. came home after dark. Recived a call from Elder Gronway Parry who returned from a Mission to the states and Great Britton this p.m. Did some repairing and retire at 10

Saturday 12th arose about 6 W. wet part of the day rained in the eve; did housework and transacted business up town; retired after 10.

Sunday 13th arose at 6.35 W. wet did housework a.m. started for meet- ing haveing a great desire to go but concluded it was unsafe to go in the pouring rain; spent r p.m. reading and writeing; began prepareing my family record, to insert in the Bible. W. foggy this eve, attended Ward meeting Bro G. Parry spoke also Bro N.V. Jones and a Brother Bently returned Missionary. Accompanied Mary Jones th to Sister Rolands had a long chat with Bro Thomas Jones of Lehi going on a missio to England. Came home at 9 35. retired at ten.

Monday 14th arose soon after 6 W. cloudy and frosty. did housework and washing. Sister Eliza Jones called also Ed Ashton read for the children from Juvenile also taught them to sing retired soon after 9.

Tuesday 15th arose about 7. W. cloudy and mild, high wind dureing the night little sleep to be had. Did housework a.m. coloring p.m. Sister E. Jones and Miss Haddock called ~~called~~. Recived a letter from my Husband this eve. answered it read for the Children from the Bible retired at ten.

Wensday 16th arose at 6.10 high wind dureing the night W. cloudy to day

did housework a.m. did sewing p.m. sewed in the eve Nephi read a chapter in the Bible. Retired before 11.

Thursday 17th arose before 6 W. fine. Quilted the Block quilt aided by Sister Rudy Sister Jenkins Mollie Burton and Cristy [Christie Ann] Rudy finished at 8. p.m. Called on Sister Griggs before quilting found her very low. snow began to fall about dark retired about 10.

Friday 18th arose at 6.40. did housework a.m. sewing p.m. did repairing this eve. read for the children from (Gems For The Young Folks Addie read a chap from the Bible; it has snowed all day retired before ten. Sister Griggs at 6. p.m. this eve. Sister Petit was killed at 5.35 last evening.

Saturday 19th arose soon after 6. W. clear and cold did housework a.m. sewing p.m. Addie attended 14th Ward meeting had a good time. Aunt Lavinia called this eve retired about ten 30.

Sunday 20th arose soon after 6. 6. W. cloudy and cold. took Nephi to the Dr. a.m. who pronounced his leg a good job. p.m. attended the funeral of Sister [Charlotte Willis Foreman] Griggs the speakers were Prest D.H. Wells and J.F. Smith the remans looked beautiful followed them to the cemetry came hom at 5. had an accident with fire. S Spent a very pleasant eve at home reading Missionary sketches to the children and taking on the principles of the Gospel; retired about ten.

Monday 21st arose soon after 6. W. clear and cold, did washing and housework read for the children in the even from (Gems For the Young Folks) retired at 9.

Tuesday 22nd arose at 5.20 W. cold and clear, did housework all day Bro Chatfield called as teacher; also Miss Haddock Addie and Nephi are gone to a party gotton up by the Y.F.M.I.A. for the benefit of returned Missionari Elders C.H. Bliss, T.C. Griggs, Gronway Parry and J.H. Moyle. Addie and Nephi came home before midnight accompanied by Miss Haddoc the affair was very pleasant and the speaking of of the Missionar was very affecting. retired before 12.

Wensday 23rd arose between 6 and 7. W. clear and cold did housework and ironing retired at ten

Thursday 24th thanksgiveing day. arose at before 6. W. cold and bright did housework all day; read in the eve. read for the children in G. F the Y Folks retired before 11.

Friday 25th arose before 6. W. fine and cold as yesterday did housework a.m. cutting p.m. Recived a letter from my Husband makeing special request that I should take charge of a sick young man in his employ. Called on Bro Walter Lewis to enquire about him. Called on Bp Pollard who is very sick. called on Effie also on Miss Mary Jones; came home at 9.30 answered my Husbands letter and retired before 12.

Saturday 26th arose before 7. W. fine and cold sewed all day makeing warm clothes for the children retired before 11.

Sunday 27th arose before 7. W mild and fine worked till 1. stayed home to guard the children though had a great desire to go to meeting. Ed and littel Elias spent the eve with us. Miss M Jones also called, had a long talk with her retired before 12.

Monday 28th arose before 6. W. cloudy and mild. Washed and visited my Block; retired before 7 being very tired; Aunt Lavinia and Vinnie Vaughan called to day.

Tuesday 29th arose soon after 4. deep snow on the has snowed all day clear moon light to night. did repairing and sewed some carpet rags for the logan Temple was obliged to rest a good portion of the day, knited this eve and wrote retired after ten

Wensday 30th arose before 7. feeling better W. brigt bright and cold. a.m. p.m. cloudy began snowing this eve. Did housework and repairing. Sisters Foster and parker called as teachers Spent the eve knitting; Nephi read a good deal from the Instructor poor Nephi had his leg sadly hurt this eve; retired before 11. ~~Thursday~~

December 1881

Thursday 1st arose at 6. a.m. mild and cloudy. attended fast meeting a.m. at noon attended the funeral of Elder Thomas Latimer the speakers were Elders Taylor and Romney his partners. Elders Eardly Midgly F. Mayor Little Bp T. Taylor Bp Hardy Elder J. Nickleson and Presiding officer of the Ward [*blank*] all spoke in the every highest terms At 2.30 p.m. attended Commtttee meeting, had an intresting time. Bp Pollard and Bo Griggs made very pleasant and encourageing remarks. After meeting took comforts to the poor on my block also sold my block quilt for which I recived 5.00 in gold; and feel very proud of my efforts came home about 6.30 feleing quite exhausted, read and rested retired after ten

Friday 2nd arose at seven snowed all night and still snowing, did housework a.m. sewing p.m. W. thawing p.m. Did repairing in the eve, read for the children from the Juvenile, retired before 11.

Saturday 3rd arose at 7. W. cloudy snowing some did housework a.m. Attended 14th Ward meeting p.m. also transacted business in town. came home at dark. rested and did some repairing, retired before 10.

Sunday 4th arose at 7. W mild and cloudy, worked till near 12. stayed at home p.m. guarding the Children. read and continued my family record. In the eve read a lengthy piece from the Juvenile for the children, retired about 10

Monday 5th arose about 7. sadly disturbed in the night W. mild and cloudy, did housework a.m. In company with Sister Balser visited the new comers wonce more felt well in the descharge of our duty came home about 6

much exhausted Read for the children from the Juvenile retired at 8.30
Tuesday 6th arose at 3. read from 4. till 5. rested till 6. did housework all day, called on Sister Davis in the eve accompanied by Miss Jones and Sister Balser spent an hour with Effie. little Eddie better; retired about 11 W. dull and raining

Wensday 7th arose about 7. W. mild like spring did housework all day, read for the children in the eve from the Juvenile did knitting also retired about 9.30.

Thursday 8th arose at 5.20 W. fine like spring. did housework all day repairing in the eve; recived a call from Johnnie Loyed and Miss M Lover read for the children from the Junile. retired at 11.

Friday 9th arose at 6.25. W. fine ironed till 9.30. at ten attended the funeral of Bro John S. Roberts aged 81. on the 7th inst the speakers were James Lewis John Evans Thomas Giles A.M. Cannon the two latter spoke grandly. followed the remains to the grave. Came home before tow did housework till 8.30. read for the children ~~till~~ from the Exponent retired about ten.

Saturday 10th arose at 5.30 W. lovely did housework all day, retired at before 11.

Sunday 11 arose at 7. sprinkling of snow on the ground, high wind dureing the night bright and fine to day, attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. we were addressed by our belovd Presedents John Taylor and W. Woodruff. Spent the eve at home; read for the children in the Juvenile. Miss Jones and Mr Willie Bowring called. retired about 11.

Monday 12th arose about 7. fresh snow on the ground W. fine Went up town a.m. called on Sister Willson who is moveing to their own home; they have our best wishes for prosperity after so much affliction. Did housework and swing p.m. read for the children in the eve retired about ten.

Tuesday 13th arose at 5.15 more snow on the ground day fine did housework all day; read for the children in the eve from (Gems For the Young folks) Mrs Van and her Daughter and Grandchild called recived a letter from my Husband, ~~read for the children from (Gems For The Young Folks)~~ retired at 9.15 retired before 11.

Wensday 14th arose after seven did housework all day W. fine like spring; read for the children from (Gems For The Young Folks) retired at 9.15

Thursday 15th arose at 5.15. W cloudy and mild did sewing and housework a.m. p.m. went to meeting ajourned Sister being very ill. accompanied Sisters Oleson an Roberts to visit Mother Tom. had a very plasant talk on work for the dead.²³ called on my Daughter Effie foud her and sweet babes well. called on Sister clive; came home before 9.

23. In LDS temples, all temple ordinances, including baptism, confirmation, ordination, endowments, and sealings, may be performed by proxy for people who died without receiving the ordinances. EM, 3:1257–59; 4:1444–45.

Friday 16th W. pleasant like spring. attended Society Conference all day had a good time. Bro J.E. Taylor spoke to us in an interesting manner on plural marriage. came home before dark spent the eve pleasantly read for the children finished (Gems For The Young Folks) retired before 9.

Saturday 17th arose at 4.30 W. lovely sewed till ten; Addie George and Kate attended Primary Con Spent the rest of the day in cleaning retired before ten.

Sunday 18th arose at 6.20 W. very fine worked till near noon Addie attended p.m. and evening meetings I guarded children read for them from the J. Instructor. Had a good time reading the Exponent Misses Jones and Davis called, retired before ten

Monday 19th arose soon after 6. W. cold and fine; did housework all day; began to read (Jacob Hamblin)²⁴ for the children in the eve, retired at 9.30

Tuesday 20th arose soon after 6. W. still fine did housework and sewing, read for the children in the eve from (Jacob Hamblin) retired at 9.30.

Wednesday 21st arose before 6. W. fine did housework and sewing read for the children in the eve from (Jacob Hamblin) Received a letter from my Husband retired after ten

Thursday 22nd arose soon after 6 W. dull and cold did housework and sewing and made purchases for Christmas came home before 9. eve very foggy, retired before ten.

Friday 23rd arose before 5. W. foggy and cold did work as yesterday. My Husband and all the men came home to day at noon. Retired at midnight.

Saturday 24 arose before 7. W. dull and cold, did housework, took comforts to the poor, went up town, received company from the country and did millinery work. retired at 1.30.

Sunday 25th arose before 7. W. brighter than yesterday did housework a.m. Attended Assembly Hall p.m. had a splendid discourse from Elder C.W. Penrose. Miss Jones called in the eve. Dressed the Christmas Tree and retired before 12.

Monday 26th arose soon after 6. W. lovely. did housework entertained a large company Effie, Ed Eddie Elias Aunt Hannah Aunt Nancy Eli and Annie. Uncle Hugh and Aunt Eliza and their children our own family included mad 19. Miss Jones Nellie and Barbara called in the eve. retired

24. *Jacob Hamblin: A Narrative of his Personal Experience, as a Frontiersman, Missionary to the Indians and Explorer; Disclosing Interpositions of Providence, Severe Privations, Perilous Situations and Remarkable Escapes* (Salt Lake City: Juvenile Instructor Office, 1881). This was the fifth book in the Faith Promoting Series and is about the life of Jacob Hamblin (1819–1886), who was well known for his missionary work among Native Americans. Hamblin recounts his experiences in Nauvoo and his labors among different Indian tribes in the Utah region.

before 11.

Tuesday 27th arose before 7. W. wet spent the day in putting things to rights; did some repairing Lizzie [Elizabeth Amer] Butterworth and her Mother called in the eve retired about ten.

Wensday 28th W. mild and fine arose about 7. did housework and repairing; heard of the death of John [E.] Gardner who died last night. Attended the old Folks Ball at the old meeting house this eve; had a splended time, accompanied my Husband returned soon after midnight.

Thursday 29th arose before 8. W. lovely Attended to home affairs a.m. called on the berived family of Bro Gardner. also the famllies of Bro S.L. Evans came home before 4. attended to home affairs read for the children from (Chatterbox) in the eve retired at 1 o'clock.

Friday 30th arose at 7. W. very fine did hosework a.m. attended the funeral of John Gardner p.m. the peakers were Elders G.G. Bywater and Elias Morris. came home at 3.30 attended to home affairs read for the Children from Chatterbox retired at 9.30 and 12.15.

Saturday 31st arose at 7.35 W. beatiful spent the day in cleaning; the eve in repairing retired at 11.

1882

“Felt Most Acutely My Baby Was Gone”

[January 1882]

S January 1st 1882

Sunday 1st arose at 7. W. lovely spent the day at ohme. Addie attended S.S. and p.m and evening meetings. Apostles M.F. Lyman and J.H. Smith addressed our Ward meeting. received a newyears call from Cousins Wm C. and Diantha Morris also Miss Jones retired about 11

Monday 2nd arose before 7. W. mild and dull. did house work most of the day; Miss Jones made us a ~~vist~~ visit, also accompanied us to the Theater retired at 12.30

Tuesday 3rd arose at 6.20 rained most of the day. did housework and repairing. My Husband left for Park City this p.m. we attended Joint meeting this eve

*4th day book of
M. Lois Morris*

January 1882

Sunday 1st arose at 7. W. cloudy spent the day at home. Addie attended S.S. and p.m. and evening meetings. Apostles F.M. Lyman. and J.H. Smith spoke at our Ward meeting. Recived a newyears call from Cousins Wm. C. and Diantha Morris. also from Miss Jones retired about 11.

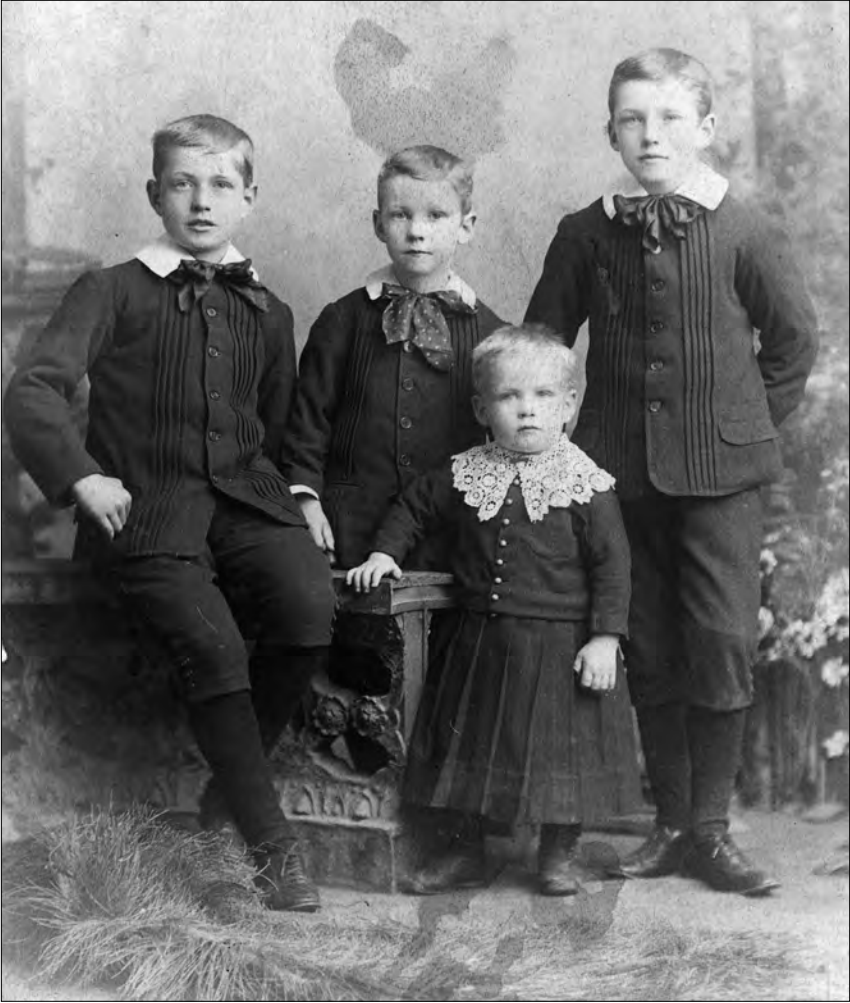
Monday 2nd arose before 7. W. mild and dull. did housework most of the day, Miss Jones made us a visit, also accompanied us to the theatre retired at 12.30.

Tuesday 3rd arose at 6.30 rained most of the day. did housework and repairing. My Husband left for Park City this p.m. We attended Joint meeting this eve, retired at ten 30.

Wensday 4th arose about 7. W. mild and dull, did housework all day, read for the children in the eve from Chatterbox retired at ten 30.

Thursday 5th arose at 7. W. mild and dull, attended fast meeting a.m. Committee meeting p.m. took comforts to the poor. did repairig in the eve read for the children in Chatterbox retired about ten.

Friday 6th arose about 7. W. mild and cloudy snow began to fall about 2.



Courtesy of the Ashton Family Organization

Effie and Edward Ashton's four oldest children, photographed by Charles R. Savage. Their three oldest sons were Mary Lois Morris's first grandchildren. Back row, left to right, Conway, Marvin O., Edward M. Front: Raymond.

p.m. spent the day in cleaning the eve in Knitting Mrs Van called, retired about 10.

Saturday 7th arose at 7. still snowing, attended Stake Conference all day, read for the children in the eve from Chatterbox retired at 9.30.

Sunday 8th arose at 7. W. bright and fine attended Stake Con all day had a good time Prest Taylor spoke with very great power. spent the eve at home reading and writeing; eve very cold retired before ten.

Monday 9th arose before 7. W. cold and cloudy, began snowing p.m. did housework all day

Tuesday 10th arose about 7. W. very cold. did housework a.m. called on Cousin Mattie. Aunt Nancy and Miss Jones. spent an hour or two with Effie it being her birth day; came home before dark, spent the eve repairing retired at 11.

Wensday 11th arose before 7. W. more mild, did housework and repairing a.m about noon accompanied my Neice Mrs Ridges to Sugar house Ward to visit my Sister spent a very pleasant p.m. visiting with my Sister, my Neices Mrs Ridges Mrs Eldredge Sister Winder and Miss Mary.

Thursday 12th W. very cold and clear, visited and dined with my Neice Mrs. Eldredge. my Nephew M.W. Pratt from Bear Lake Joined our party.

Friday 13th W. sill very cold. dined and visited with Miss Mary. Spent the evenings very pleasantly in intelecual converce.

Saturday 14th W. very clear and cold, arrived home at 11. found all well. attended to home affairs, at 2. p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting, had a good time. Transacted business in town, came home before dark did repairing retired before dark 10.

Sunday 15th arose about 7. W. very cold, did housework a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. had a splendid time spent the eve at home read for the children from the Juvenile. Miss Jones called retired about 11.

Monday 16th arose at 7. W. colder and colder did housework all day. This a.m. my Sister and son came in town. Effie and babes Joined us this p.m. and spent the eve. retired before 12.

Tuesday 17th arose before 5. W. dreadful cold accompanied my Nephew to the Depo. At 1. oclock my Sister left for home. Bro Chatfield called as teacher, re received a letter from my Husband, spent the eve in writeing retired about ten.

Wensday 18th arose about 7. W. milder, did housework a.m. writing p.m. and evening retired at 11.

Thursday 19th arose at 6.30 W. milder fresh snow on the ground, spent the day in copying accounts attended to home affairs in the eve. retired about ten.

Friday 20th arose before 4. read till 6. W. cloudy and miler, did housework, contined copying, retired about ten

Saturday 21st arose before 6. W. bright and cold did housework a.m. went

up town p.m. continued copying retired before 12. Last night Nephi was relieved of a distressing cough by the administration of holy oil by own hand for which I thank and praise my heavenly Father.

Sunday 22nd arose before 7. W. fine worked till one o'clock. Addie attended Y.F. Conference I guarded the children. read for them in the eve from Infants Magazine Miss Jones called; we retired before 12.

Monday 23rd arose at 6.40 W. fine. did housework all day; Sister Barlow and Miss Davis called read for the children in the eve, wrote a letter to my Husband, retired before 11.

Tuesday 24th arose at 6.45. W. mild and cloudy, began snowed p.m. did house work all day did a good deal of Writing in the eve retired before 12.

Wednesday 25th arose at 7.20 W. mild and cloudy, did housework all day; practiced and instruct Nephi in the (Deseret Alphabet) retired at 11.30

Thursday 26th arose at 6.40 W. cold cloudy, did housework and ironing retired before 10. Last wensday 25th inst at five minutes 11. p.m. Mrs Elizabeth [Hoagland Cannon] Wife of Sen George Q. Cannon. departed this life

Friday 27th arose before 7. W. cold snowed a good part of the day. wind blac very high last night and housework all day; repairing in the eve, retired about 11

Saturday 28th arose at 7. W. clear and and cold did housework all day and eve about 11 to day my Sister and little Emma called; this eve I received a letter from my Husband. To day at noon Sister Ann [Roberts Parry] Wife of Thomas [Robert] Parry died.

Monday 29th arose at 6.30. W. cold and clear at 10. a.m. attended the funeral of Sister Elizabeth H. Cannon, whos Husband is at Washington; how hard for him to bear" and the dear children. Verly the righteous must earn their Crown The Hall was packed; the speakers were Apostles Woodruff, J.F.Smith and Prest Taylor. Accompanied by Bp Pollard called on the Family of Sister Parry, viewed the remains. At 2. p.m. attended Assembly Hall the speakers were [blank] and Bro Georg Teasdale. Addie and Nephi attended Ward meeting I guarded the children retired about 9. ~~mond~~

Monday 30th arose at 5.45. W. cold and clear read till seven did housework all day, the funeral of Sister Ann Parry was held to day at noon. the speaker were R.V. Morris and A.M. Cannon. Called on Miss Jones this eve who is quite ill. retired late

Tuesday 31st arose at seven. W. cloudy, snowed this p.m. did housework and worked on a quilt. Sisters Parker and Foster called as terchers retired about ten.

February 1882

Wednesday 1st arose about 7. W. cold fresh snow on the ground; finished piecing a quilt and did housework and ironing Bros Chatfield and Edwards called this eve, retired at ten

Thursday 2nd arose at 6.10 W. cold and clear did housework a.m. p.m. visited my Block and attended Committee meeting had a good time; transacted business in town, came home at dark, put the quilt in the frames in the eve, and did some repairing retired at 11.

Friday 3rd arose at 6.30 W. clear and cold did housework all day had a quilting party who was my Sister, my Daughter Effie, Miss Sarah and Emma Ashton Bp Lunt of Cedar City called in the eve, retired after midnight.

Saturday 4th arose at 9. feeling poorly from yesterday fatigue did some housework and repairing retired after 10. W. bright and fine.

Sunday 5th arose at 6 W. fine read till 7. did housework a.m. read an excellent ~~sermon~~ sermon of Bro G.Q. Cannon. p.m. Addie attended Assembly Hall, we all attended eve meeting Bro Clegg of Springville recited his beautiful poems retired about 9.

Monday 6th arose before 7. W. mild and cloudy did the weeks washing and housework. retired at 8.30.

Tuesday 7th arose at 3.15. read till 5 rested till 6.30. did housework most of the day. Recived a letter from my Husband, Read for the children in the eve from the Juvenile, retired soon after ten. W. fine and cold

Wednesday 8th arose at 6.10. W. cloudy, did housework all day, called on Miss Jones in the eve, retired at 11.

Thursday 9th arose at 7. W. like spring, called on Miss Jones a.m. found her better had a pleasan chat with her did housework and repairing retired at 9.

Friday 10th arose at 4.15. began to read the history of Joseph Smith.¹ did housework and repairing read for the children in the eve from the Juvenile; retired before ten.

Saturday 11th arose about six W. cloudy, heavy snow p.m. did housework a.m. attended 14th Ward meeting p.m. had a good time transacted business in town returned home before dark, attended to home affairs retired about ten.

Sunday 12th arose about 5. wrote till six W. fine and cold did housework a.m. Addie attended S.S. p.m. and evening meetings I stayed at home to guard the children retired about 9.

Monday 13th arose at 6.25. W. fine did housework and writing went to the

1. Mary Lois may be reading Joseph Smith's *History of Joseph Smith* (Liverpool: S. W. Richards, 1852). This eighty-eight-page volume was a supplement to the periodical of the English Saints, *The Latter-day Saints' Millennial Star*.

Polls to cast my vote for the Peoples Ticket retired about 9.²

Tuesday 14th arose about 6. W. fine did housework and washing, Sister Rudy called, Nephi attended a birthday party retired before 12.

Wensday 15th arose before 7. feeling tired from yesterdays work, W. fine did housework a.m. attended the funeral of Reece Powell retired about ten

Thursday 16th arose before 7. W. stomey a.m. and p.m. Called on Miss Jones and my Daughter Effie; came home at dark retired at 9.

Friday 17th arose before 3. continued reading the history of Joseph Smith. rested for one hour; W. stormey did housework att ended the funeral of Mother [Elizabeth Ann Smith] Whitney the speakers were Elders D.H.Wells L.D. Young and J.F. Smith; the latter said that as earley as the year 1881~~31~~ the [Lord] showed to Joseph in vision the Laides that would be his Wives when the princaple of prural marrage should be brought about; saying that God himself seelected them knowing that said women would be true to him” and his servant Joseph Smith He also said that their was a crown of groly laid up for those women, and they should dwell in the presenc of God.³ Read and rested in the eve; retired at 9.30.

Saturday 18th arose soon after 6. W. cold and stormy; spent the day in cleaning and repairing retird about 10.

Sunday 19th arose soon after 6. W. cold and clear. spent the day at home, though had a great desire to go to meeting Addie attended S.S. and p.m. evening meeting Bro David Ewards called this a.m. to say Bro Davis was dying. George is not well this eve retired about ten

Monday 20th arose about 7.30 had a diturbed night with Georg. W. cold

2. Mary Lois was voting in the Salt Lake City municipal election held on February 13, 1882. On this day, William Jennings (1823–1886) was elected mayor of Salt Lake City, aldermen were elected for the five municipal wards, and a city council was chosen. *Deseret Evening News*, February 14, 1882.

3. Joseph F. Smith said that Mother Whitney “was one who received in her heart the doctrine of plural marriage from the lips of the Prophet Joseph; and she was one of the first mothers in Israel who gave her daughter in the bond of marriage to the Prophet.” Smith further said that “there was laid up for her a crown of glory, a queenly crown for her and all those honorable women who sacrificed their own feelings in order to establish in the Church and make honorable in the earth the doctrine of patriarchal marriage. He knew that such women would stand in the presence of the Eternal God crowned with glory and eternal lives, which none living can enjoy but those who are worthy and make this sacrifice.” In addition, Smith stated “that the women who entered into plural marriage with the Prophet Joseph Smith were shown to him and named to him as early as 1834, and some of them were given in matrimony to him as early as that date, although it was not then prudent, under the circumstances, to make these facts public.” This speech by Joseph F. Smith may be a response to the passage of the Edmunds Anti-Polygamy Act by the U.S. Senate the day before. The Edmunds Act disenfranchised polygamists, barred polygamists from political office and jury duty, and put a commission hostile to Mormon interests in charge of territorial elections. *Deseret Evening News*, February 17, 1882; Gordon, *The Mormon Question*, 161.

a.m. clear; did housework and sewing read for Nephi in the eve from the Juvenile retired about ten

Tuesday 21st arose before 7. W. fine did housework æ most of the day; called on Aunt Nancy, also Sisters Russell spent a cople of hours with Effie, feel very down heartd about her weak state but hope she will be restored to heath by the blessing of God. Attended a lecture by Elder William Fotheringham. retired late.

Wensday 22nd arose at 7.30 W. fine did housework all day recived a call from Sister Rowe. Did repareing and writeing in the eve, retired about ten.

Thursday 23rd arose about 6. W. cold and fine, did housework a.m. paid a visit to Sister Willson this p.m. came home at 8. wrote to my Bro. this eve retired about ten.

Friday 24th arose at 6.30 W. fine did housework all day heard from my Husband wote to him to night. retired about 11.

Saturday 25th arose soon after 6. W. fine and mild, spent the day in cleaning, the eve in repairing, retired at 11.

Sunday 26th arose before 7. W. mild and fine, at 10. a.m. attended the funeral of Sister Sarah Ann [Booth Needham] Wife of Bro John Needham Bro A.M. Cannon and Bp. Hardy spoke excelently. Attended Assembly Hall Apostle E. Snow spoke in a very spirited manner. called on Effie found her better little Eddie sick. Spent the eve at home retired at 10.

Monday 27th arose soon after 5. W. fine and mild. did housework and repairing. Sisters Foster and Parker called as teachers. retired soon after 9.

Tuesday 28th arose about 5.30 W. cloudy and very mild. at 10 a.m. took little Georg Q. to the Endowment House to be baptized Bro John Cotton officateing. At 11.30. attended the funeral of Bro [blank] Davis attended to home affairs retired at 10.30. ~~Wensday~~

March 1882

Wensday 1st arose earley W. very and dull. visited my block and did a good deal of housework; My heart is sad to day. My Husband came home this p.m. my heart finds vent in sobs and tears; my body very weary this eve, retired about ten

Thursday 2nd arose at 6.40. W. mild and fine, did housework and attended fast meeting, little George was confirmed by Bp Pollard Who said to him if you will obey your father and Mother you shall gain wisdom day by day. In due time you shall recive the preisthood of the Son of God go forth and preach his gospel and gather the saints; and do mighty works in his name, and eventually besaved in his celestial Kingdom. Amen.⁴ Attended

4. Mary Lois's youngest son, George Q. Morris (1874–1962), was eight years old at this

Committee meeting p.m. went up town, cam home at 5. very weary, rested read and wrote in the eve, retired before 12.

Friday 3rd arose about 7. W. dull snowed in the eve, Did housework all day; a surprise party came this eve to Master Nephi gotten up by Miss Clara Bockholt the children enjoyed themselves much. Felt dispondant and sorely tried this a.m. and tempted but if I can submit to will of God now as I have in the past shall be enabled to overcome. Retired late.

Saturday 4th arose at 6. W. cold snow on the ground; sewed all day; did repairing in the eve, retired about midnight feeling much need of reliance on the Lord.

Sunday 5th arose about 6. W. cold and very stormy, spent the day at home p.m. and eve in reading. Addie attended S.S. p.m. and evening meeting. And still I drink the bitter cup but do not feel to mermer.⁵ retired at ten 30

Monday 6th arose before 6. W. bright and cold; did housework all day My Sister called on important buisness. my husbands brother is very ill. retired late.

Tuesday 7th arose at 6.30. W. clear and cold did housework all day; my soninlaw Mr. Ashton called to see me. Bro Richard much the same. retired after midnight.

Wensday 8th arose about 6.30. W. cloudy and cold; did housework all day feel sick with fatigue this eve retired about 10.30.

Thursday 9th arose before 7. W. cold and stormy. did housework all day; repairing in the eve Bro Richard very low My Husband gone to watch him. Retired at 11.30.

Friday 10th arose soon after six. W. mild and fine; did housework most of the day. This a.m. Wm [William Thomson Kenneth] Swan my Husbands soninlaw committed suicied by poisoning himselfe. cause drunkenness and dspondence.⁶ poor dear Barbara it is hard for her. My Sister and son Willford stayed the night with us Uncle Richard seemes better this eve; Husband returned from watching retired about 11.

time. In the LDS church, children are baptized at the age of eight and then confirmed, a blessing, according to LDS doctrine, in which they are given the gift of the Holy Ghost.

5. Mary Lois seems to be referring to her pregnancy with her last child, Richard Vaughan Morris. As he was born on July 20, 1882, she would have been about four and a half months pregnant at this time.
6. William Thomson Kenneth Swan (1854–1882), the son of George Swan and Agnes MacDonald, was the husband of Barbara Elizabeth Morris, the daughter of Elias Morris and his first wife Mary Parry. Swan was employed as a janitor at the U.C.R.R. office on East Temple Street. He committed suicide on March 10, 1882, by taking poison. According to the *Deseret Evening News*, his suicide was caused by alcoholism, which “had led to a separation between himself and family, and he had become despondent in spirit.” *Deseret Evening News*, March 10, 1882.

Saturday 11th arose about 6.30. W. fine and mild. at this p.m. William Swan was buried poor Barbara is nearly frantic. Uncle Richard no better Husband gone to watch Retired at 9.30.

Sunday 12th arose at 5.30. W. beautiful. at noon was taken up to se Uncle Richard whois dieing, poor dear man; stayed several hours, rode home with Cousin Wm C. Morris. Spent the eve at home. Have just recived word that dear Bro Richard has gone to rest from his sufferings, at 9.15. this p.m. Retired at 11.

Monday 13th arose before 6. W. mild did housework and sewing retired about 10.

Tuesday 14th arose about 6 W. mild and fine. At 10 a.m. my Husbands Sister Mrs Barbara Jene arrived from Frisco. At 12. m. we attended the funeral of our beloved brother Richard. the ~~House~~ Ward Hall could not accomodate a fourth of the people; the speakers were Apostle J.F. Smith Bp Hunter Prest A.M. Cannon it was dificulty that they controled their emotions while they addressed us; our hearts overflowing with grief also; the cortag who followed the remains was very large. Reached home about four; spent a pleasant evening with Aunt Barbara retired about ten.

Wensday 15th arose soon after 6. W. mild, did housework and sewing, retired after 12.

Thursday 16th arose at 6. W. windy did housework and ewing Amelia Roberts called retired at 10.

Friday 17th arose at 5.30 W. cold snowing all day; did housework all day retired about 11.

Saturday 18th arose soon after 6. W. cold and clear; Bro Horne called p.m. and a.m. Did housework all day, repairing in the eve retired at 11.30

Sunday 19th arose about 6.30. W. very cold, snowing all day. spent the day at home; Addie attended S.S. a.m. Assembly p.m. and Ward meeting in the eve; the speaker was Apostle J.F. Smith who spoke with great power. little Jonnie is sick of rhuematism. retired about 12.

Monday 20th arose about six. W. fine did housework and sewing attended Corperation Meeting in the Ward; little Jonnie very sick to night. retired about 10. Charles C. [Croxson] Jones of the 16th Ward died to day.

Tuesday 21st arose at 5.15. W. fine did housework and sewing. Aunt Barbara went home yesterday. little Jonnie some better to day. retired after ten.

Wensday 22nd arose before 7. W. fine did house and sewing retired at 8. much fatuaged. about 8. oclock

Thursday 23rd arose at 5.30. W. lovely worked at yesterday bro White called to see my Husband. Jonny better

Friday 24th arose about 5.30 W. fine did housework a.m. sewing p.m. retired before 12.

Saturday 25th arose before 7. W. stormy a.m. fine p.m. did cleaning and repairing retired before 11.

Sunday 26th arose at 6.30 W. wet and mild spent the day at home Addie attended S.S. Assembly Hall and evening meeting Ed Ashton my soninlaw called this eve. Did housework a.m. reading p.m. read a splendid sermon by Prest Taylor. delverd on the 5th inst. Retired at 10.30

Monday 27th arose before 6. W. very fine did housework and sewing sister Hall called. My Husband had company from the Park. retired about ten.

Tuesday 28th arose at 5.20 W. fine did housework a.m. sewing p.m. retired about ten

Wensday 29th arose before 6 W. very fine did housework all day some swing in the eve received a letter from Grandma Coslet [Mary Ann Morgan Cosslett] and answered it Addie and Nephi attended a Concert in the Ward. gotton up by the Ward Glee Club. retired before 12.

~~Wensday~~ *Thursday 30th* arose at 6.30. W. fine, did housework most of the day, sewed in the eve. Henry Giles and Joseph Price called on business. Effie quite poorly to day not able to sit up. Nephi has gone to a surprise party. retired about ten

Friday 31st arose at 5.5. W. warm. did sewing most of the day Addie Georg and Kate attended a s[c]hool party; Addie attended in the eve. retired after Midnight.

April 1882

Saturday 1st arose before 6 W. warm. did housework and repairing; retired soon after 11.

Sunday 2nd arose at 6.15. W. warm and cloudy did housework a.m. spent the p.m. reading my little Grandsons Eddie and Elias called with their Papa. Mises Lizzie Kimball and Barlow called on Addie. Retired about ten.

Monday 3rd arose at 6.45 W. cloudy and warm did housework all day. rained to nigt

Tuesday 4th arose soon after 5. W. pleasant did housework. ~~re~~ Sister Rudy and foster called. My Husband went to Park City retired earley.

Wensday 5th arose earley ~~retired~~ W. fine did housework received a visit from my Daughter Effie retired at 12.

Thursday 6th arose about 6. W. stormy snow falling all day Miss Lizzie Morris arrived from the north. Effie is with us yet; weather bound. Edward called to day but had to go back without her. Retired at 10.30

Friday 7th arose at 5.30. W. cold; snowing hard Cousin Cill Morris came this eve. Effie went home this eve My Husband came home at noon to day Addie attended p.m. meeting; retired about 10.30

Saturday 8th arose about 6. W. fine and cool; Cousin Will Morris arrived. did housework all day Miss Rock accompanied by Cousin Will called this eve. Little David John. also. Bro and Sister John Parry abode with us all

night, retired after 1. o'clock.

Sunday 9th arose about 6.30. W. fine cloudy p.m. little Eddie and Elias called with their Papa. Effie no better our old friend Bro Samuel Leigh of Cedar City called retired about 11

Monday 10th arose before 7. W. cold Cousin Cilla and Will went home to day. Miss Mollie John is staying with Addie. Sewed most of the day; Bro and Sister Parry and Miss John spent a few hours with us to night; retired after 11. My little Kate is ten years old to day.

Tuesday 11th arose before 6. W. fine and chilly recived callers most of the day Bp C.D. Evans, Bro D. Labrom and wife Bro Barnard Parry. Sisters Ashton and Roberts also my old friend Sage Jones and S. Leigh Bro and Sister Parry and Little David John went home to day. Retired at 9.30

Wensday 12th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework and cutting out. Bro Horne called on important business. Mr. S. Barlow and J. Grey called ths eve retired late.

Thursday 13th arose before 6. W. fine. did housework a.m. sewing p.m. retired at 9.

Friday 14th arose before 5. W. fine. sewed most of the day; Bro and Sister Taggart called p.m. Mrs J. Grey and Mrs Mollie Burton in the eve. retired at 9.

Saturday 15th arose at 5 before 6. W. cloudy raine at night. did sewing most of the day. Miss John went home to day. Retired about ten

Sunday 16th arose about 5. rain fell all night, snowed vary hard this a.m. My Husband came from the Park at noon to day, went there last friday spent the day at home. though much desire to attend meeting read a good deal from church works and other good books retired about ten.

Monday 17th arose before 5. rain and snow continue. Read for a few minutes from History of Joseph Smith. Find that the first public speaking was done on the 11th day of April. 1830 the same month as the Church was organized the speaker was Oliver Cowdery. and it occured 5. days after the church was organized Also that the first Missionarys were sent to the Indians in the year 1830. and two of the party were P. P. Pratt and Sidney Rigdon. and that Eward Partrage [Edward Partridge] was the first Bishop of the Church.⁷ Did cutting out, writeing, and housework a.m. sewing p.m. Bro Horne called this eve, retired after ten,

Tuesday 18th arose before 6 W. fine did houseworkk a.m. seweing p.m. retired about 9.

Wensday 19th arose earley at 5.15. sewed most of the day; Sister Ridges called this p.m. W. cloudy retired at 9

7. Edward Partridge (1793–1840), the son of William and Jemima Partridge, was the first presiding bishop of the LDS Church and one of its earliest members, having joined the church in 1830.

Thursday 20th arose before 6. W. very stormy snowing and blowing hard a.m. did Housework and sewing. retired at 11.

Friday 21st arose at 5.15. W. fine and cold. did housework and sewing. Retired at 11.30.

Saturday 22nd arose soon after 5. W. fine. did knitting housework and repairing, retired at 12.

Sunday 23rd arose before 6. raining and snowing all day, spent the day at home, read a grand sermon by Prest Taylor, and Apostle J.F. Smith. retired about 11.

Monday 24th arose at before 6. W. fine did housework most of the day, some sewing

Tuesday 25th arose soon after 5. did washing, knitting housework and cutting out Mrs Amelia Roberts called. Retired after ten.

Wednesday 26th arose before 5. W. fine, as yesterday and day before. did housework most of the day, retired about ten 30.

Thursday 27th arose soon after ~~seven~~ 7. W. very fine did housework knitting and cutting out, our young friend Miss Emma William called also Bro David Edward called as teacher retired before 9.

Friday 28th arose at 5.5. W. warm and fine. did housework sewing, knitting and repairing; my Dear friend Sister Willson and little Wittie and sweet Babe Lula paid us a visit. Retired about 9

Saturday 29th arose before 5. W. fine did housework and sewing retired about 10

Sunday 30th arose about 5. W. fine. spent day at home. Cousin Richard [Phillips Morris] and Sallie [Sarah Isaac] Morris visited us and babe retired at 9.30

May 1882

Monday 1st arose at 5.15. W. ~~war~~ warm. did housework all day. retired before 10.

Tuesday 2nd arose at 5.20 W. warm and windy. sewed all day, retired at 10.

Wednesday 3rd arose before 5. read from the history of Joseph Smith that it is wrong to kill venomous snakes, birds, or animals of any kind where it is not needed; when man seizes his war upon animals the Lion and the suckling lie down together.⁸ Did housework and sewing, and cutting retired at 10.30

8. While traveling with Zion's Camp in May 1834, Joseph Smith stopped the other men in the camp from killing three rattlesnakes. Joseph Smith then asked the other members of the camp "not to kill a serpent, bird, or an animal of any kind during our journey unless it became necessary in order to preserve ourselves from hunger." *History of Church*, 2:71-72.

Thursday 4th arose before 5. W. cloudy rained at night. Sewed all day. Aunt Hannah called this p.m. My Husband returned from the Park at noon to day retired after midnight.

Friday 5th arose before 6. W. fine did housework and sewing, retired about 11.

Saturday 6th arose before six. W. fine did housework and repairing. Bp. Pollard called also Sister Duncanson, retired about 10.

Sunday 7th arose before 5. W. fine accompanied my Husband and his Daughters Winnie and Effie out to the Farm which he bought on the 30th inst. Spent the p.m. at home retired about 10. read for the Children in the eve from the Juvenile in the eve.

Monday 8th arose ~~about~~ before 6. W. cloudy and damp; fire and winter clothing comfortable did repairing and knitting some housework, called on Mrs Van who is sick retired at 10.30

Tuesday 9th arose before 5. W. fine and cool did housework all day, Aunt Lavinia and Vinnie Vaughan called. My Neice Mrs Winnie Tibbs presented her Husband a daughter this p.m. Retired at ten.

Wednesday 10th arose before 5.5. W. fine, read a chapter from the history of the Prophet Joseph find that the first Apostles were called and chosen on the 4th of february 1835. as follows Lyman E. Jonson. 1. Wm E. McLellin 7. Brigham Young 2. John F. Boynton 8. Heber C. Kimball 3. Orson Pratt 9. Orson Hyde 4th. William Smith 10. David W. Patten 5. Thomas B. Marsh 11. Luke Johnson 6. Parley P. Pratt 12. they were afterwards aranged according to age.

Thursday 11th Spent the a.m. in cutting and other work, p.m. worked on a quilt. W. fine retired about 9.30.

Thursday Friday 12th arose soon after 4. read from the history of Joseph the Prophet find the first Endowments were given in Jan. 1836. in one of the rooms of the Temple, then partly finished. W. fine worked all day on a quilt, finished it. Sister Mcalaster called a.m. My old timed friend Bro Samuel Jukes called p.m. as he said prehaps for the last time. Retired at 9 9.30

Saturday 13th arose before 5. W. fine spent the day in repairing retired at 9.30

Sunday 14th arose at 4.40. W. cloudy rather cold spent the day at home reading mostly p.m. Fancy very sick. this is my 47th birthday may my heavenly Father help me to continue faithfull to the end of my days. Retired at 9.30

Monday 15th arose at 5.30. W. fine, did housework and repairing, retired at 9.30 sadly tired.

Tuesday 16th arose before 6. had a very restless night with George, W. fine, did housework and sewing. Bro John Parry ~~did died~~ of Logan died to day at noon. My Husband left on the p.m. train for Park City. We retired at 9.30.

Tuesday *Wednesday 17th* arose at 5.15. W. fine sewed most of the day, Mrs Rose Nuttal and Daughter and intended Soninlaw called find by reading a Chapter from Joseph's History that the Saints were driven from Clay County for one reason because they were Eastern "men" and against Slavery and that thers and that their dialect was different from theirs.⁹ retired about ten

Thursday 18th arose at 4.30. W. fine. Find that it was as much as a mans life was worth to stand by the Prophet Joseph in the year 1837. and that in July of that year on the first day of that month the first Elders started for England Liverpool. they were as follows Presedent Heber C. Kimball, Orson Hyde, Willard Richards, Joseph Fielding, John Goodson, Isaac Russell, and John Snider.¹⁰ Did housework and repairing a.m. p.m. took care of winter clothing and beding. Miss J. Parker called. To day at noon my Husband arrived from Park City. Also started on the p.m. train for Logan to attend the funeral of John Parry Master Mason. on the Logan Temple. retired about 9.30.

Friday 19th arose before 6. dreadful wind dureing the night. W. fine rather cold. Spent the day in repairing Sister Ridges called this eve; retired about 9.30

Saturday 20th arose at 5.30. W. fine, did housework and tailoring. My Husband reached home from logan this a.m. Sister Ridges called this eve. Retired at 11.

Sunday 21st arose before 6. W. cool and lovely, spent the day home, shed many bitter tears a.m. spent the afternoon in peace, retired at 9.30

Monday 22nd arose soon after 4 4. W. fine, did housework and tailoring retired after midnight

Tuesday 23rd arose at 5. W. cloudy and changeable the Children spent the day at Fullers Hill. My Neice Mrs A.P Ridges spent the p.m. with me. My Husband left on the p.m. train retired about 9.30.

Wensday 24th arose before 6. W. fine, did housework and repairing retired about 10.

Thursday 25th aros before 4. wrote an article for the Exponent. Did housework and repairing Sister Duncanson called retired before ten.

9. On June 29, 1836, a public meeting of citizens of Liberty, Clay County, Missouri, was held regarding the situation of the Mormons in their county. The meeting issued a report recommending that the Mormons leave the county and explore other areas of the country. The report explained that the Mormons "have become objects of the deepest hatred and detestation to many of our citizens" because they are "eastern men, whose manners, habits, customs, and even dialect, are essentially different from our own" and "are non-slaveholders, and opposed to slavery." *History of Church*, 2:448–52.

10. The six men mentioned in this diary entry sailed on the merchant ship *Garrick* from New York to Liverpool, England, departing on July 1, 1837. *History of Church*, 2:494–95.

Friday 26th arose at 4.20. had a thuder shower yesterday at 2. p.m. W. fine and cool to day. copied my piece for the Exponant; did housework cutting and sewing, retired about ten.

Saturday 27th arose before 4. W. fine rather cold. did housework and sewing, retired before 11.

Sunday 28th arose at 5.20. W. fine spent the day at home attending to home affairs, reading p.m. Aunt Hattie Burton Mrs Mollie Burton and Miss Lizzie Kimball and Lill Balow accompanied Addie home from Meeting. retired about 10.

Monday 29th arose at 5.20 W. fine did housework and sewing recived a letter from my husband. retired soon after 9.

Tuesday 30th arose before 4. W. fine. This being Decoration Day there is much going on in and out of town the Weathr is lovely. we have spent th day at home attending to home affairs Addie called on Sister Renolds who is very sick, retired before 11.

Wensday 31st arose before 5. W. fine did housework and repairing and milinary work retired soon after 9. evening. lovely moon very bright

June 1882

Thursday 1st arose before 4. heart heavy about my poor Effie who does not gain health or strength Did housework most of the day Sister Duncanson called this eve tells me that Effie is feeling better. about 9.30

Friday 2nd arose before 5. W. warm. did housework most of the day. little Kate assisting me. heard of the death of Mrs Mary Horner. Addie called on Sister Bowlden, took her some comforts. Retired before ten.

Saturday 3rd arose at 5.30. W. warm did sewing and milliary work retired at 11.30

Sunday 4th arose at 4.35. W. quite warm spent the day at home Addie attended S.S. p.m. meeting. Read this p.m. a grand sermon of Bro G.Q. Cannon delivered on April 3rd 1881. Also from last evenings News a declaration from Bp Fredric G. Clesler now an aged gentleman Be it known ~~to all~~ unto the whole World, that I was presant and was an eye witness to the hideing up unto the Lord, by the prophet Joseph Smith of the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon, as taken from the plates, unto which I bear my humble Testimony. Fredric. Kesler, Sen, S.L. City, may 29 1882¹¹ Yesterday wrote a note of condolence to Bro George Hiner who

11. This declaration by Fredric Kesler was in response to claims by David Whitmer that he had the original manuscript of the Book of Mormon. Kesler asserted that Whitmer did not have the handwritten original manuscript in his possession, as he saw the prophet Joseph “[hide] up” the manuscript “unto the Lord.” *Deseret Evening News*, June 3, 1882.

lost his Wife a few days ago retired soon after nine.

Monday 5th arose before 5. W. warm did housework a.m. swing p.m. Addie attended S.S. Union retired at ten

Tuesday 6th arose before 4. W. warm. read from an account of a conference held in Manti May 26th 1882 of Bro W. Woodruff relating an instance of the appearing of ~~om~~ one of the three Nephites, and testified that the Prophet Joseph gave the Nephites his endo[illegible letter]ments.¹²

Also that Emma smith gave th her husband five or six Wives. Sewed most of the day. composed a poem for Cousin Lizzie Morris, retired about 10
Wensday 7th arose before 5. W. warm did housework all day. retired about ten
Thursday 8th arose before 5. W. warm did housework cutting and sewing heard of the wedding of Cousin Will Morris which occured last sunday the 4th inst Retired before 9. night very windy

Friday 9th arose soon after 4. heard of the death of Sister [M. Lancaster] Bowlden. which occurd last night at 11. Did housework and sewing; assorted many volumes of Juveniles preartory to binding. Addie and George called on Effie who is not so well; retired about 11.

Saturday 10th arose before 4. air cool and fresh continued looking over some wrting read from the History of Joseph that some of the Saints were starved to death; the Mob preventing them from buying food—Others died on the way from Missouri to Calldwell the company was shot at as they Journd on the way.¹³ Sister Bowlden was buried to day. Addie attended the funeral peace to her ashes My little Grandson Elias with us to night retired about ten did sewing ~~about~~ most of the day.

Sunday 11th arose at 5. W. fine spent the day at home; wrote to my brother retired about 10

Monday 12th arose before 6. heavy shower p.m. did sewing and housework. Sister Duncanson called recved a blessing from her. retired about 10.

Tuesday 13th arose before 5 pouring rain. recvd a letter from Bro George Hiner yesterdy. Did sewing most of the day; rain poured down at intervals all day and eve retired at ten 30.

12. According to LDS doctrine, Jesus visited the inhabitants on the American continent and called twelve apostles to carry on his work when he left. Three of the twelve desired to remain on earth as John the Revelator had done. The Lord granted their desire, and they continued to minister and preach on the earth. These Three Nephites are reported to have appeared many times to members of the LDS church in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. 3 Nephi 28:1–31.

13. Joseph Smith wrote that he traveled to De Witt, Carroll County, in September 1838 and found that the Mormons there “were surrounded by a mob, and their provisions nearly exhausted” and that some of the members died “in consequence of their privations and sufferings.” The Mormons were finally able to leave De Witt for Caldwell County, but during their “journey were continually insulted by the mob, who threatened to destroy [them], and shot at [them],” causing the deaths of more members of the church. *History of Church*, 3:368–69.

Wensday 14th arose at 4.20 sewed most of the day; my Husband came home from Montana Our old friend Bro R.R. Burkbek [Richard Robert Birkbeck] abode with us over night retired about 11.

Thursday 15th arose about 5. W. fine sewed most of the day. Our Young friend Miss Emma Williams was married to day to Mr B.F. Cumming Jr. little Kate not well this eve. Addie resved wedding cards and cake retired about 11.

Friday 16th arose about 6. W. warm, did sewing all day retired about 10.

Saturday 17th arose at 4.30. W. warm. sewed all day retired about 9. sadly tired There has been a grand opening of liberty Park to day¹⁴

Sunday 18th arose soon after 5. W. warm spent the day at home Addie Nephi Kate and George attended S.S. p.m. and evening meetings little Kate did not attend this eve. Effie, Ed, Eddie Elias Sarah and Emma Ashton called Effie is with us to night retired about 10

Monday 19th arose soon after 5. dreadful wind about 2 a.m. rain falling fast at 6. Windy all day began to rain at eve. Did house work all day retired before 11.

Tuesday 20th arose at 4.20. pouring rain, thunder and lightning dureing the night. clear and cool dureing the day, winter clothing comfortable; did housework and sewing Ed and Eddie called to see Effie. Bp. Pollard Bro Parry and and Bro Edwards called at night we retired late

Wensday 21st arose about 6. W. cool and fin George sick did housework and sewing and ironing retired about ten.

Thursday 22nd arose at 5.20 W. fine did housework and sewing; had company from the Park about midnight.

Friday 23 arose abou 6. W. fine did housework most of the day retired late

Saturday 24th arose at 6.30 W. fine did housework all day repairing in the eve, retired about 10.

Sunday 25th arose about 3. being unable to rest, W. fine, spent the day at home retired at 11. Addie attended S.S. p.m. and evening meeting. Bro G.Q. Cannon addressed the peopls haveing returned home last week

Monday 26th arose about 4.30. W. fine did housework and sewing retired before 11.

Tuesday 27th arose at 4.15 W. warm did housework and sewing cutting Mrs Dr Furgeson visitd Effie a couple of the old Folks abode with us retired about 11

Wensday 28th arose about 4. W. warm did housework and sewing; Effie very weak to day, retired at 11.

Thursday 29 arose about 6. W. quite warm did housework and sewing retired about 11.

14. On June 17, 1882, Liberty Park, the largest public park in Salt Lake City, was opened to the public. It was located in southeastern Salt Lake and contained 110 acres. Fohlin, *Salt Lake City Past and Present*, 127.

Friday 30th arose about 4.30 W. warm did housework most of the day besides a good deal of sewing. The Old folks went home on the earley train. Miss Lizzie Ashton called this eve; Effie very feeble to day retired abot 11.

July 1882

Saturday 1st arose early W. very warm cannot work much to day not feeling well. Sister Duncanon called Effie not much better, retired about 11.

Sunday 2nd arose about 11. W. very warm, worked till noon read p.m. retired about ten

Monday 3rd arose before 5. W. warm did housework and sewing; my Husband returned from Cach Valley, went last Friday Effie still very weak, Aunt Hattie Burton called to see her. Retired before 12.

Tuesday 4th arose soon after 5. W. hot My Sister spent the day with us. Bp Pollard called Effie very weak, retired about 9.

Wednesday 5th ~~rose~~ arose abot 5. W. very hot. my old friend Sister Hannah Bella Height spent the day with us also Sister Horne retired earley.

Thursday 6th arose early. W. hot some rain

Friday 7th arose before 5 W. hot some rain sewed most of the day Sister Parker called retired at midnight night cool

Saturday 8 arose before 5. W. Much cooler do not feel well to day, did some sewing retired about 11.

Sunday 9th arose soon after 5. W. warm dont feel well to day, Sister L. Russell and Bro G. Woods called to day. Effie went home this p.m. feeling cheerful though not much better. retired about 11.

Monday 10th arose at before 5. W. hot did housework and repairing; my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges called; retired at 9.30.

Tuesday 11th arose soon after 5. W. hot did housework a.m. prepared for quilting p.m. retired about 10.

Wednesday 12th arose about 5. W. hot did housework and repairing My Neice Mrs Ridge also Mrs L. Russell spent the day with us.

Thursday 13th arose early W. hot did housework and repairing; Sister Duncanson called.

Friday 14th arose at 3. W. hot did repairing sent a postal to my Brother concernig Effie's sickness recive a letter from him a week ago to day retired before 12.

Saturday 15th arose at 5.15 W. hot, did repairing all day. retired about 11.

Sunday 16th arose about 5. W. hot spent the day at home, Addie attended S.S. p.m. and evening meeting Effie some better; retired before ten

Monday 17th arose before 6. W. hot did housework most of the day retired about 10. My Husban went to Park Cty to day

Tuesday 18th arose about 6. W. hot did housework and sewing, my my Husband returned from Park City at noon to day. retired at 11.

Wensday 19th arose soon after 5. W. very hot did housework and sewing. Addie and her father. attended the Theatre this eve; retired after Midnight haveing felt sick dureing the p.m. and evening

Sunday August 6th I agian resume writing in my Jornal. two weeks and three days having elapsed scince I did so before.

Thursday July 20th 1882 at 6. a.m. my sixth son was born weighing 15. pounds he died shortly after birth.¹⁵ His father blessed him and named him Richard Vaughan [Morris], after his dear Uncle who died on the 12th of last march. It seems hard that death should be the reward of such horrible suffering; but we do not feel to mermor our heavenly Fathr doeth all things well.

Little floweret you have left us,
 In this shady sorrowing sphere
 Death's cold hand has this bereft us
 Thickly falls the bitter tear.
 Who was it hovered near our bed?
 When in the shores of Motherhood
 Who was it came with noisless tread
 To bear our baby heavenward
 Perchance some dear departed one
 Commissioned from the realms of Joy
 To take our little new born son
 Where pleasure reigns without alloy.

Poor Addie takes it very hard; thinks it is awful to put such a perfectly beautiful child in the ground. At 5. p.m. the carrages bearing the little treasure with Father and sisters and brothers left the house for the cemetery. We will draw the curtain over the sorrows of this day

21st and 22nd pass off gloomly and painfully

23rd feel some better Sisters Jones and S.E. and L. Russell called; suffered much dureing the night

Monday 24th feel better and happier, my nurse read a sermon for me I composed a poem on work for the dead. Recved a call from Mr D. Williams whom Addie accompanied to the theatre.

25th fealt sick and sorrowful all day; recived calls from my Sister Aunt Lavina and others Aunt Lavina and I migled our tears to gether in her berevement and mine

15. Richard Vaughan Morris (July 20, 1882), the youngest son and eighth child of Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, died on the day of his birth.

28th recived a plasant call from Aunt Eliza.

29th arose for the first time wept most of the day, felt most acutely that my baby was gone.

30th feel better recved a call from my friend Mrs S.E. Langford and and my old nurse Miss O. Parker.

Monday 31st began to ply my fingers to such work as they could perform. recved a call from Aunt Hattie Burton

August 1882

Tuesday 1st continued my work, recved calls from my Neice Mrs Ridges and Mrs D. Morris

Wensday 2nd recved a call from Dr. Furgeson who brought my Daughter Effie to see me.

Thursday 3rd my nurse went home, spent a good part of the day in writing

Saturday 5th recived a plasant call from my sister both feeling better in mind body.

Sunday 6th arose about 8. all the children attended SS. p.m. read for the children from Jacob Hamblin also a sermon from Apostle E. Snow. and wrote up my Journal. Mrs. Eliza Loyd died at 6. p.m. to day Mr. J.D. Farmer Merchant of this City was drowned this p.m. in Salt Lake. being one of the Sunday bathers.¹⁶ Mrs. J. Ballow and Miss Lille Barlow called this eve retired about 10.

Monday 7th arose about 8. W. very warm. continued cutting; Sister Duncanson called. retired about 10.

Tuesday 8th arose about 8. W. very warm; continued cutting feel better to day than yesterday; Miss Loyd was buried to day. Addie attended the furnral we retired about 10.

Wensday 9th arose about 7. W. still very warm, began to do a little house-work to day. my friend Mrs Haully called; did cutting and riping and other work retired before ten

~~Wensday~~ *Thursday 9* arose about 6. W. hot, did sewing and other work retired about 9.

Friday 10th arose at 6. W. very warm did sewing and other work; my friends Mrs Unger and Willson called. at 11.

Saturday 12 arose about 6. W cooler. worked on a bathing suit and other sewing retired before 11.

16. Mr. J. D. Farmer went bathing with his family in the Great Salt Lake on Sunday, August 6, and not being "much at home in the water," drowned. *Deseret Evening News*, August 7, 1882.

Sunday 13th arose before 7. W. pleasant accompanied my Husband to the funeral of Bro Thomas Winters [Thomas William Winter] the speakers were Bp. Thomas Taylor Apostle Brigham Young. Bp Hunter and Bp Brimly. followed the remains to the cemetery. returned home at two. Mr E.T. Ashton and Miss Ella Gardner called. Retired about ten.

Monday 14th arose soon after 4. W. cooler the children spent the day at Salt Lake. Accompanied by Addie. I attended to home affairs retired about ten.

Tuesday 15th arose about 6.30 W. hot; continued and riping retired about 10.

Wednesday 16th arose soon after 5. W. hot did housework all day. retired about 11. Bp. Pollard called this eve on my Husband.

Thursday 17th arose soon after 5 W. sultry. Did cutting and repairing. My Husband started for Park City this p.m. Addie called on A Effie this eve. foun her better has been working some to day; feel to praise God for the improvement of her health. read for the children this eve also told them some stores Retired about 10.

Friday 18th arose soon after 5. read a chapter from the history of Joseph an find that a Bro McBride who faught under General Washington was shot with his own gun, by one of the Mob and another of the mob cut his body to piecies with a cane cutter.¹⁷ W. pleasant, did sewing and wrote a poem. Bro Chatfield as teacher. Retired before 11.

Saturday 19th arose about 5.30. W. changeable heavy rain with thunder and lightning. Did cutting and repairing; my Husband returned from Park City this eve. Sister Ann [Anna Harris] Edwards Wife of John [E.] Edwards died to day of old age. We retired about 11.

Sunday 20th arose at 5. thunder storm a.m. fine dureng the day. Did housework a.m. read p.m. Sister Edwards was buried to day. Called on Sister Morgan; wept bitterly at the sight of her babe, feeling acutely the lossof of my own. Retired at 9.30.

Monday 21st arose before 5. W. fine. did housework and cut piecies for a rug read for the children in the eve from J.I. retired after ten

Tuesday 22nd arose at 4.35. W. find read from the history of Joseph find that Prest John Taylor was ordained to the apostleship on the 19th of november 18338 under the hands of Brigham Young and Heber C. Kimball) worked on a quilt all day; my Sister spent the p.m. with us.

Wensday 23rd arose before 5. W. fine did housework and worked on a quilt—read for the children in the eve retired about ten 30.

Thursday 24th arose about 5.30 W. fine did housework most of th day had

17. Thomas McBride (?–1838) died in the Massacre at Haun's Mill on October 30, 1838. Joseph Young, who was present at the massacre, said of McBride's death, "He was shot with his own gun, after he had given it up, and then cut to pieces with a corn cutter by a Mr. Rogers of Daviess county." *History of Church*, 3:182–87.

a rug bee.¹⁸ Retired about 11.

Friday 25th arose at 4. had a diturbed night; sick all day, prepared piecies for a rug. retired at 10.

Saturday 26th arose before 5. feel better W. fine, did housework and sewing. retired at 10.30. fasted to day. Recived a note from Sister Kimball

Sunday 27th arose at 5.15. W. fine a.m. thunder and rain at noon. Attended Ward meeting this eve for the first time scince last march; retired at 10.30.

Monday 28th arose at 4.20. Addie Kate and George started to school this a.m. I attended to home affairs; recved calls from Sisters Sarah smith of St George, also Miss Mary Jons and Sister L Russell. retired about 11.

Tuesday 29th arose before 5. W. fine attended to home affairs attended to the funeral of the Baby of Bro and Sister Britt. Bp Pollard and Bro Parry called to see my Husband. we retired about 11. My Husband came from Park City at noon to day.

Wensday 30th arose before 5. W. very pleasant ~~did~~ did housework and attended a carpet bee. at Sister L Russell's retired before 9.

Thursday 31st arose soon after 5. W. lovely. Did housework all day, retired about 10.

September 1882

Friday 1st arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework all day, retired at 11.

Saturday 2nd arose soon after 5. W. fine spent the day at the Lake, With my Husband's workmaen and familes retired at 10.

Sunday 3rd arose at 5.30. W. fine. spent the day at home, not being able to Walk to the tabernacle. retired early.

Monday 4th arose about 5. W. fine, did housework and sewing, retired before 11.

Tuesday 5th arose before 5. W. fine did housework most of the day some sewng 30. years ago to day I became a ~~fife~~ Wife, being then 17 yeras and 4. months old. Retired at ten 30.

Wensday 6th arose at 5.15. W. fine, did housework all day, retired about 10.

Thursday 7th arose at 4.30 W. quite warm. Attended fast meeting a.m. had a good time felt impressed to speak, did so and felt blessed My Daughter Addie did the same. May God bless her as he sees she needs. p.m. worked on a dress and did housework. Aunt Hattie called on my Husband we retired about ten.

18. Similar to a quilting bee, a rug bee consisted of a group of women meeting together to make rugs out of carpet rags.

Friday 8th arose at 5.15. W. fine, did housework and sewing; fasted to day, retired before 9.

Saturday 9th arose before 5. W. fine did housework all day retired about ten.

Sunday 10th arose before 5. W. fine attended to home affairs am a.m. was not able to go to the Tabernacle. attended Ward meeting in the eve the speakers were Elders Miner Buchanen and J.F. Smith. retired at 10.30.

Monday 11. arose about 4.30. W. fine did housework and repairing retired about 10

Tuesday 12th arose at 5.20. W. quite warm. Did housework a.m. p.m. attended the funeral of Sister Jane [Humphreys] James the speakers were Elders Charles Evans of Salem Bro Shaw of Cache Valle, T.V. Willisms of S.L. City, Bp Stuart of Draper, Bro Naisbit and Bp ~~McLellen~~ Thorpe Most of these Gentlemen had been her school mates and Joined the Church at the same time; they spoke of her in the highest terms. Came home about dark; retired before nine.

Th Wednesday 13th arose about 5. W. fine did housework all day, retired about 11. laid awake all night.

Thursday 14th arose before 5. W. fine did housework allday. Bro D. Edwards called as teacher retired about 10.

Friday 15th arose about 6. W. Windy and dusty, did housework all day repairing in the eve retired in good season

Saturday 16th arose about 6. W. cloudy, rained some, did housework all day, millinary work in the eve retired about midnight.

Sunday 17th arose about 6. W. cloudy and cold. attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were Elders T.B. Lewis and John Nickleson. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Bro J.H. Moyle addressed us who goes east in the morning. Retired about 10.

Monday 18th arose at 5.25. W. cold and cloudy. did housework all day. Transcated Business in the eve; met Bros Lambert and A.H. Cannon. returned home at dark. retired about ten.

Tuesday 19th arose at 5.30 Joseph Smith Sen died Sep 14th 1840. he was the first person to receive Joseph's testimony after he had scene the Angel he was baptized the day the Church was organized he died from illness contracted dureing Missouri mobings. was noble in mind and body. filling his house with the poor whom he fed, and comforted.¹⁹ Find by reading

19. Joseph Smith Sr. (1771–1840) was the son of Asahel and Mary Smith and the father of the first president of the LDS church, Joseph Smith Jr. Mary Lois may have obtained her information from a transcript of a "discourse" by Robert B. Thompson at Joseph Smith Sr.'s funeral. This discourse pointed to the Missouri persecutions for breaking Smith's health, stating that seeing his sons Joseph and Hyrum imprisoned "was too much for his agitated and now sinking frame to bear up under" and that "at this time his constitution received a shock from which it never recovered." Tullidge, *Life of Joseph the Prophet*, 299–300.

further history that in october 1840. the Prophet Joseph preached the first sermon on baptism for the Dead.²⁰ Recived a call from Bro Chrochron had a chat on the Signs of the times which was very refreshing.²¹ retired soon ~~after 11:~~ about 10.

Wensday 20th about 5.30. W. fine and chilly after the rain on monday night; did housework all day. retired about 11. Sister Clara Conrad did at 11.30 a.m. to day.

Thursday 21. arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework all day, retired about 11.

Friday 22nd arose early W. fine. Attended Society Conference a.m. attended the funeral of our dear friend Sister Clara Conrad. p.m. Bro A.M. Cannon spoke beautyfully. Transacted some came home before 6. attended to home affairs retired about 9.30

Saturday 23rd arose before 5. W. warm did housework all day, seweing in the eve retired about 11.

Sunday 24th arose before 6. W. fine Find by reading history of Joseph Smith that in laying foundation stones of Temple that the S.E. corner stone is laid first and that by the first Presidency. The S.W. is laid next and that by the ~~less~~ lesser priesthood. The N.W. comes next which is also laid by the lesser priesthood. The N.E. is laid by the Melchisedec priesthood Which is the priesthood of the Son of God.²² Spent the day at home, fasted, attended Ward meeting the speakers were Elders Willie Burton and John Nickleson. retired before ten.

Monday 25th arose before 5. W. fine did housework all day in the eve called on Mattie Morris. Aunt Nancy Effie and Sisters Terry and Rolces retired at 9.30 find that Doncarlos Smith presided over the high priest

20. In a letter from Joseph Smith to the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, dated October 1840, Smith wrote that he presumed that they had already heard the doctrine of "baptism for the dead," which he had first preached at the funeral of Seymour Brunson. Joseph Smith then explained the doctrine further, writing that "The Saints have the privilege of being baptized for those of their relatives who are dead, whom they believe would have embraced the Gospel, if they had been privileged with hearing it." *History of Church*, 4:231.

21. Early Mormons believed that the second coming of Christ would be indicated through certain "signs of the times," including the gathering of Saints to Jerusalem and to the New World Zion in America. While early Mormons "were not given to prophetic numerology or exact calculations as to the date of Christ's advent," they did "feel they were living on the eve of the Second Coming." Grant Underwood, *The Millenarian World of Early Mormonism*, 36–37.

22. Joseph Smith wrote about the correct way of laying out the cornerstones of a temple: "If the strict order of the Priesthood were carried out in the building of Temples, the first stone would be laid at the south-east corner, by the First Presidency of the Church. The south-west corner should be laid next. The third, or north-west corner next; and the fourth, or north-east corner last." These directions follow an account of the laying of the cornerstones of the Nauvoo Temple. *History of Church*, 4:329–31.

quorum when only 25. years old. was a very promising youth and died through exposure of that age.²³

Tuesday 26th arose before 5. W. fine did housework all day. retired soon after 9. Sister Harris called.

Wensday 27th arose before 5. W. fine, did housework all day Sister harris called retired about ten

Thursday 28th arose soon after 5. W. fin did housework all day Sister Harrison and babe spent the eve with us read for the children from Jacob Hamblin. retired about 11.

Friday 29th arose before 6. W. fine did housework all day retired before 12.

Saturday 30th arose before 6. W. fine did housework all day repairing in the eve retired about 11.

September October 1882

Sunday 1st arose soon after 6. W. cloudy and cold rained some attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Apostles E. Snow and G.Q. Cannon spoke. Also attended Ward meeting retired about 10.

Monday 2nd arose soon after 6. W. chilly. Did housework and repairing. transacted business up town. my Son Nephi is 12. years old to day; may God help him to walk in the straight and narrow way. Retired about 10.

Tuesday 3rd arose soon after 6. W. fine. Sister Harrison called this a.m. her husband better. Began housecleaning, retired about 10 after a good days work.

Wensday 4th arose before 5. rain pouring down fast. did housework all day. Bro and Sister Reese of Spanish Fork came to stay with us. retired about 10.

Thursday 5th arose early W. cold attended the funeral of Sister Galaspy a.m. p.m. attended Conference p.m. Apostles W. Woodruff and L. Snow spoke with great power had a splendid time Bro G. Heiner called to see us Cousins Cill Morris and Eliza Morris came to stay Conference with us. had a pleasant eve. retired about 11.

Friday 6th was awaked before 4. looked all over th house but saw nothing. Was called up again after 5. by Addie saying there was a man in or

23. Don Carlos Smith (1816–1841) was the younger brother of the Prophet Joseph Smith. He was ordained president of the high priests quorum of the LDS church on January 15, 1836, and fulfilled several missions for the church during the following years. According to Joseph Smith's account, Don Carlos's health was worsened by his "administering to the sick" and his work in a damp cellar printing *The Times and Seasons*. These experiences are probably the exposure that Mary Lois refers to. *History of Church*, 3:393–99.

near her room as I arose and took the lamp in hand ~~saw~~ saw a human form standing on the landing, but vanished as I aproched ran quickly after him but could see nor hear nothing we were all terrified poor Addie has recived a dreadful shock. and looks 5. years older on account of it. attended Con a.m. and p.m. poor Addie is nearly heartbroken and I have felt a mean influence all day retired ~~in good~~ about 11.

Saturday 7th arose about 6. W. fine did housework a.m. attended Con. p.m. Apostle J.F. Smith spoke. Miss M. Robison came to day with us. Mrs Ide of St Georg called retired about 11.

Sunday 8th arose about 6. W. very wet attended Con all day Mr Ashton called Bro Cannon preached a grand dicours this a.m. Retired about 10.

Monday 9th arose about six. W. fine did housework all day. Lizzie and Cilla Morris and Eliza Morris and Miss Robison went home to day Bro and Sister Reese recived their Endowments to day. retired about 11.

Tuesday 10th arose about 6. W. cloudy Bro and Sister Reese went home to day. Addie is still very low spirited had a sever spell to day Sister Harrison got hurt to day N.V. Jones called to see my Husband to ~~day~~ this eve. Retired about 10.

Wensday 11th arose before 5. rained most of the night still raining; ~~M~~ Addie had a poor night. Sister Harrison suffered all night from the effects of her bruse. Did housework all day, retired about 10.

Thursday 12th arose before 5. W. fine. My Husband left on the early train for Malad. Attended to home affairs and went up town retired about ten

Friday 13th arose at 5.40 W. cloudy did housework all day, retired at 9.30

Saturday 14th arose at 5. raining did housework and sewing W. wet and cold retired about ten.

Sunday 15th arose at 6. W. dull and cold attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle meeting p.m. Elders Geo Teasdale and Geo Q. Cannon address us Attended Ward meeting this eve, retired about 9.30

Monday 16th arose at 4.30 W. cloudy, rained this eve did housework all day retired at 9.30

Tuesday 17th arose about 4.20 still snowing did housework all day retired about 10

Wensday 18th arose about 5 W. fine worked on a quilt all day, finished it retired about 10.

Thursday 19th arose about 5. W. fine began to work on anothe quilt Bro Harrison made us a ~~vist~~ visit Sister Mollie Burton called this eve retired about ten

Friday 20th arose at 5. W. fine did housework a.m. p.m. attended to home affairs also worked on a quilt; Sister Harrison taken very sick. retired at 11.

Friday Saturday 21st arose at 5.15. W. lovely sewed most of the day, Sister Harrison some better Bro Harrison joined our family circle to day retired at 11.

Sunday 22 arose at 5.30 W. fine spent the day at home Sister Harrison better Bro Willson called we attended eve meeting about 10.

Monday 23rd arose before 5. W. fine did housework and sewing Aunt Eliza called; retired about 10.

Tuesday 24th arose at 5.25. W. fine did the weeks washing retired about 10. Addie concluded to go to St George.

Wensday 25th arose at before 5. worked on a dress for Addie. retired about 11.

Thursday 26th arose at 6. sewed a.m. at 2. p.m. Addie started for St George took her to the train called on Sister Pollard. and my Daughter Effie attended to home affairs retired about 12.

friday 7th arose about 5. W. fine Grace Pollard Bro Harrison Came from Frisco to day at 10 a.m. Did housework all day retired about 11.

Saturday 27th arose at 5.25. W. fine did housework and went up town, did repairing in the eve, retired about 11.

Sunday 28th arose at 5.30. W. fine, attended to home affairs a.m. attended to Assembly Hall p.m. Apostles W. Woodruff and J.F. Smith attended Ward meeting this eve Elder J.E. Taylor spoke to us. Retired before 10.

Monday 30th arose at 5.15. W. cloudy did the weeks washing; my Neice Mrs Ridges called retired before 10.

Tuesday 31st arose before 6. W. cloudy. did the week ironing and housework retired after midnight.

November 1882

Wensday 1st arose before 7. W. cloudy worked most of the day on a quilt read for the children in the eve; retired about 9.

Thursday 2nd arose before 6. W. fine attended fast meeting a.m. p.m. went up town and prepared for quilting. retired before 11.

Friday 3rd arose before 6. W. warm and windy, began to rain this eve; had a quilting to day my guests, were Sister Gardner Mrs Mollie Burton Mrs Cheer Parry Mrs M. Pierpont Misess Emma Ashton and Cora Linzy. had a pleasant time. retired about 10

Saturday 4th arose before 5 W. fine spent a.m. in cleaning; p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting, and transacted buisness up town. in the eve went to see the Torch light procession in honor of the election of Delegate John T. Cain²⁴ Theatre Jamed could not get a fair look into it retired before 10

24. As a result of George Q. Cannon's practice of polygamy, the U.S. Congress declared the seat of Utah territorial delegate vacant, and a special election was held to fill the empty seat. John Thomas Caine (1829–1911) was nominated as the People's Party candidate and ran on a platform that "repudiated the charges of lawlessness which had been made against the people of Utah." Philip T. Van Zile was nominated as the Liberal

Sunday 5th arose before 5. W. fine. attended to home affairs a.m. I attend p.m. and eve meeting retired about 9.30

Monday 6th arose about 4.30. W. fine did the weeks washing retired about 10.

Tuesday 7th arose about 5.30 W. fine recved a letter from Addie last night heard of her again this a.m. did tailoring and transacted business uptown retired about 10.

Wensday 8th arose before 6. W. fine did housework all day retired about 10

Tuursday 9th arose soon after 5. W. fine ironed most of the day retired at 11. my Husband called up to Aunt Hattie who is very sick returned before 11.

Friday 10th arose at 6.30. W. stormy, did housework and sewig retired about 11.

Saturday 11th arose before 6. snowed all day. did cleanig a.m. p.m. went up town and did other work retired before 10.

Sunday 12th arose before six. W. clear and cold. did housework a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Apostle Heber J. [Jeddy] Grant and Prest. John Taylor addressed in an excelent manner. Attended Ward meeting in the eve, Elder Wm R. Jones returned Missionary spoke to us and Bp Pollard. We Retired before 10.

Monday 13th about 5. W. clear and cold, washed most of the day, did some sewing, attended a concert in the eve accompanied By Nephi Kate and George. While there heard of the death of our friend and neibour Andrew S. Jonhnsn who died at 1. oclock this a.m. We retired about 11.

Tuesday 14th arose at six. W. fine and cold worked on a quilt a.m. at 12.30 p.m. attended the funeral of Andrew S. [Smith] Johnson the speakers were Bp. Pollard Elias Morris Bp T. Taylor and Prest A.M. Cannon they spoke presious words to us, Come home about 3. continued working on the quilt George read in the testement Ma explained we had pleasant intircours; retired about 11.

Wensday 15th arose about 6. W fine did housework and sewing. retired about 11.

Thursday 16th arose about 6 W. fine, did sewing a.m. attended Society Meeting p.m. In the eve prepared for quilting, retired about midnight.

Friday 17th arose about 5.30 W. fine and cold cooked for my friends who came to quilt My bro C.L. Walker is 50 years old to day. ~~There~~ the northern sky appeared very red to night and continued for some time. Retired about 9

Saturday 18th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework attended 14th Ward meeting, transacted business up town retired about 10.

Party candidate and ran on a platform that "declared that there could be no fair and impartial government in Utah 'while the Mormon church is permitted to control the law-making power.'" The election took place on November 7, 1882, with Caine receiving 23,639 votes and Van Zile 4,884. Caine was admitted to his seat in Congress on January 17, 1883, and became Utah's fourth delegate to Congress. *Comp. History*, 6:51-58.

Sunday 19th arose at 5.30 W. fine and cold answered Addie's letter we recived yesterday Attended Assembly Hall p.m. the speakers were returned Missionaries spoke with great powr Apostl B. Young spoke as one sent of God. Attended Ward meeting in the eve had a good meeting; retired about 10.

Monday 20th arose at 4.30. W. cold and fine did the weeks washing Sister Rowe called in the eve had a long chat retired after midnight

Tuesday 21st arose before 7. W. fine and mild sewed most of the day Miss Lizzie Kimball called in the eve retired about midnight

Wensday 22nd arose before 6. W. fin did housework all day repairing in the Bro D. Edwards called as teacher. My Husband ~~called as~~ answered an important letter to a friend. retired about 11.

Thursday 23rd arose before 7. W. fine did housework all day repairing in the eve Bro Moroni Thomas called. Nephi attended a surprise party retired before 11.

Friday 24th arose before 6. W. fine, did housework all day retired about midnight

Saturday 25th arose at 6 5.35. W. fine and mild, Husband went to Ogden on the early train returned this eve; Sister Harrison taken very sick. We retired before 11.

Sunday 26th arose about 6.30. W. fine, attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. partook of the sacrement. The speakers were John Morgan Prest of Southern Mission. Apostles W. Woodruff and G.Q. Cannon had excelent instruction. attended Ward meeting, had another good discourse from Elder Wm Wood returned Missionary retired before 10

Monday 27th arose at 5.25. W. fine, I whased all day, did knitting in the eve retired before 10 Bro and & Sister Harrison went to there own home to day retired

Tuesday 28th arose at 3.30 W. fine my Husband went to Tintic by the early train. sewed most of the day Aunt Nancy and Eli called in the eve. retired about 10.

Wensday 29th arose at 5. W. fine prepared for company retired before 11

Thursday 30th arose about 5.30 W. lovely, continued preparations for company, recived a call from Aunt Hattie. And a visit from My Daughters Effie and family. Aunt Eliza and family retired about 10.

December 1882

Friday 1st arose about 6.30. slight fall of snow on the ground, did housework all day Lizzie Kimball called to day, Aunt Eliza left for home by the p.m. train to day recived a letter from Addie to day answered it retired about 10

Saturday 2nd arose soon after 5. W. fine. attended to home affairs a.m.

p.m. transacted business up town mailed letter and parcel to Addie attended 14th Ward meeting heard a sermon read which the Prophet Joseph preached to the relief Society in Nauvoo²⁵ Had a glorious time. Attended to home affairs retired about 10

Sunday 3rd arose about 5.30 W. fine did housework a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. a number of Young Missionaries spok. attended Ward meeting in the eve Elder H.G. Parks and J.W. Cummings spoke excellently, retired at 9.30
Monday 4th arose at 5.30. W. mild and very cloudy, did the weeks washing and other work retired before 11.

Tuesday 5th arose about 6.30. W. mild and cloudy did housework all day Aunt Lavina, Orvin and Vinnie Vaughan supped with us, retired before 11.
Wensday 6th arose about 6.30 W. very mild and fine. Venus crossed the Sun to day about 11. oclock Did housework and transacted business in town. retired about 11.

Thursday 7th arose about 6.30. W. lovely. attended Fast meeting a.m. Committee meeting p.m. was apointed a new feild of labour, also to get up a carpet for the Logan Temple. retired about 11.

Friday 8th arose about 6. W. very mild, rained some, did housework all day retired about 11.

Saturday 9 arose about 6.30. W. fine did housework all day. At night Mr Stringer abode with us, my husband ~~abo~~ baptized him in the warm springs. retired about 11.

Sunday 10th arose at 5.20 W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. Assembly p.m. Ward meeting in the eve. recived a letter from Addie retired at 9.30

Monday 11. arose at 5.30 W. mild rained some washed all day retired about 10
Tuesday 12th arose about 5.30. W. mild and cloudy attended Stake meeting all day transacted business retired before 9.

~~*Wensday 13th* arose before 5. W. very fine. did housework and sewing. recived a postal from Addie. Retired at 9.30~~ *Wensday 13th* arose before 5 W. very mild did a good deal of writeing before daylight. Attended Assembly Hall a.m. p.m. and eve. heard the revelation read to Prest John Taylor retired about 10.

Thursday 14th arose about 5.30. W. lovely did housework and sewing recived a postal from Addie retired about 9.30.

Friday 15th arose at 3.30. did a good deal of cutting out before daylight. Attended Society Conference all day did sewing in the eve retired at 5.

Saturday 16th arose at 4.30. W. very mild and fine. spent the day in cleaning; my Sister Mrs Pratt and my Neice Mrs Ridges called. Bro and Sister Souter in the eve, recved a very intresting letter from Addie retired after 11.

25. The Relief Society was organized in Nauvoo, Illinois, on March 17, 1842. Joseph Smith directed the Relief Society's first meeting and also spoke at several other meetings of the organization. Derr, Cannon, and Beecher, *Women of Covenant*, 27–28.

Sunday 17th arose at 5.20 W. very fine attended to home affairs all day, attended Ward meeting in the eve, Cheer and Gron called recved another intresting letter from Addie retired about 10

Monday 18th arose at 5. W. mild and dull rained in the eve. spent the day in housecleaning called on Effie and went up town retired before 10.

Tuesday 19th arose at 5.20. W cold and snowing Sister Rowe called this a.m. My Husband came home from Tintic. Did housework all day retired about 11.

Wensday 20th arose about 6. W. cold did housework all day. My Neice Mrs Ridges called also Cheer Parry. Bros D. Edwards and Wm R. Jones called as teachers in the eve their company was very pleasant and the influence after they had come; retired about 11.

Thursday 21st arose at 5. W. cold did housework all day, recived a postal from Addie retired at 11.

Friday 22nd arose before 7. W. mild and fine. did housework and went up town. retired about 11.

Saturday 23rd arose soon after 5. W. dull snowed some did housework all day, dressd Katies doll in the eve, Addie and her Cousin Zadie Arrived from St George.

Sunday 24th arose before 8. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Apostles H.J. Grant Woodruff and Prest John Taylor addressed us the latters address was Grand. spend the eve at home retired about midnight

Monday 25th arose abot 6. W. fine and cold, did housework all day Addie and Zadie went riding p.m. Gronway and Cheer Parry supped with us Willard Burton arrived from the southern states. We retired at 10.30. Thirty years ago to night I took part in a drama and Cristmas ~~sogs~~ songs

Tuesday 26th arose at 5.30. W. fine did washing and other work Bo Leigh of Cedar City called. Nephi and George attended Y.M.M. Addie and Zadie attended Y.L.M. retired about 10.

Wensday 27th arose soon after 6. W. fine, did housework and repairing, Cousin Aggie called. ~~retired~~ also Missess Beers Ashton and Linzy. retired about 11.

Thursday 28th arose soon after 7. W. fine prepard for company Aunt Hattie, cosins Richard and Sallie Nell and Lidia Effie Barbara and babes. Billy and Dint Fancy and Nellie and Party had a very plasant time. my Husband came home from Tintic retired about 11.

Friday 29th arose about 7. W. snowing some wind most of the day Cousin Aggie called. retired about 10

Saturday 30th arose at 5. W very windy and cold. did a good deal of repairing and housework Addie and Zadie attended a party in connxion with Johnnie Parry Fancy Nellie and Elias [Morris] Jones. chatted with the Girls about my early life retired after 1. oclock.

Sunday 31st arose before 8. W cold and fine spent the day at home attended to home affairs a.m. spent p.m. reading retired at 10.30.

1883

“Arose from My Pillow to Behold a Great Fire”

January 1883

Monday 1st arose at 4. had a good time reading Deseret News and Exponent till 7. Did housework received calls from Cousin Wm C. Morris Mrs Baker Sister Souter Bro D Edwards and Bp Pollard. retired about 10.30.

Tuesday 2nd arose about 6.30. W. fine and cold, (yesterday the same) Did housework and sewing, retired at 10. Zadio and Addie visited Aunt Aggie

Wednesday 3rd arose before 6. W. cloudy and cold, did housework all day; Bro Lewis of Sandy dined with us. Addie and Zadio attended a party in the ward. retired after 11.

Thursday 4th arose before 6. W. fine, payed a visit to cousin Aggie in company with Mrs L.P. and Annie Musser Aunt Aggie and Cousins Lona had a very pleasant time, ~~re~~ my Husband went to Tintic by the early train this a.m. retired at 9.30.

Friday 5th arose at 4.30. read till 6. did housework all day W. fine; my Sister stayed over night with us. Addie and Zadio attended a party with Elias Jones, we retired after 1.

Saturday 6th arose at 7.30 W. fine rested a.m. did housework p.m. attended meeting in the Assembly Hall in the eve. retired about 10.

Sunday 7th arose at 5. north Wind blowing and snow falling; read till 7. attended Conference all day also in the eve, had a good time retired about 10.

Monday 8th arose at 5.30 W. fine did housework all day, accompanied my Husband to the Theater at night witnessed (His Amber Witch)¹ retired after ~~one~~ 1. o'clock.

Tuesday 9th arose before 8. W. fine did housework and the weeks ironing, retired at 9.30.

Wednesday 10th arose before 6. W. fine did housework all day retired after 10.

Thursday 11th arose before 6. W. fine did housework and sewing. retired about 10.30.

Friday 12th arose soon after 6. W. fine and cold did housework most of

1. *His Amber Witch* was a “society play” starring Annie Adams and presented by the Salt Lake Dramatic Combination. *Deseret Evening News*, January 6, 1883.



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East Side of Main Street in Salt Lake City in the 1880s.

the day, assisted Addie in preparing for a sociable in honor of returned Missionaries Wm R. Jones W.C. Burton and James Barlow retired after one *Saturday 13th* arose before 8. W. cloudy and cold. did housework a.m. attended 14th Ward meeting p.m. and transacted business in town; did repairing in the eve retired after 12.

Sunday 14th arose before 8. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Bro Penrose spoke excellently. Spent the eve at home guarding the children retired about 10.

Monday 15th arose about 6. W. very cold and fine sewed most of the day; Ed called this eve, our former friend Wm D. Williams dropped dead to day. We retired at 9.30.

Tuesday 16th arose at 5. read till after 7. W. very windy and cold. did housework all day retired about 11.

Wednesday 17th arose before 7. W. very cold snow on the ground still snowing did housework and sewing. Addie started to the University to day;² my Husband arrived from Tintic this eve, retired about 11.

Thursday 18th arose at 6.20. more snow on the ground W. clear and very cold. At 11. a.m. attended the funeral of Wm D. Williams Held in the Opra House did housework p.m. retired about 11.

Friday 19th arose in good season W. terroably cold. did housework all day retired about 11.

Saturday 20th arose about 5. W. horriable cold. did Tayloring all day fasted

2. Addie apparently attended Deseret University in Salt Lake City.

retired at 10.30.

Sunday 21st arose about 5. W. milder spent the day at home attending to home affairs. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Bros W.C. Burton and James M. Barlow returned missionaries spoke. retired about 10 30

Monday 22nd arose about 6. W. still very cold, did housework all day, retired about midnight Mr Stringer stayed over night

Tuesday 23rd arose before 7. W. fine and cold did washing and a good deal of other work. Sisters Ella and S.E. Russell called. My Husband went to Tintic this p.m. Elias Jones Went home to day retired about 10.

Wensday 24 arose before 7. W. cloudy and mild did housework all day; attended a lecture in the eve delivered by Apostle Joseph F. Smith, which was exelent, he solomnly said that adultry should be punished with death and that it went shoulder to shoulder with murder and an adulterer could never enter the Celestial Kingdom. Had a pleasant chat with the children on pirimids. retired about 11.

Thursday 25th arose at 6. W. mild and cloudy heavy snow this eve, Did housework all day, retired at 9.30 my husband retirned from Tintic this eve.

Friday 26th arose at 4.30. W. mild plenty of snow on the ground. Did housework all day. Miss Lizzie Kimball spent p.m. with Addie Retired about 10.

Saturday 27th arose at 4.30. W. mild and fine spent a.m. in cleaning and attending to home affairs generally p.m. attended 14th ward meeting had a good time, called on Sarah Bowen, took comforts to her. Called on Bp Pollard. with tithing for Nepi and Gorge. called on Effie. did repairing in the eve retired about 11.

Sunday 28th arse before 6. W. very mild and fine attende to home affairs a.m. Attended Assembly Hall p.m. Attended Ward meeting in the eve had two more excelent addresses. Retired about 10.

Monday 29 arose before 5. W. wet and mild, did washing and repairing; retired about 11.

Tuesday 30th arose about 8. W. very went and mild. did housework all day, retired about 11.

Wensday 31 arose at 5.20 W. very mild. attended to home affairs a.m. Entered p.m. upon my new feild of labour by visiting block 6 to 8. in Cmpany With Sister Eliz Jones. Came home after dark, retired about 11.

February 1883

Thursday 1st arose about 5. W. very cold and snowing, attended Fast meeting p: a.m. finished visiting the Block. attend Committee meeting attended to home affairs, retired before 12.

Friday 2nd arose before 7. W. clear and cold. did housework all day retired about 11.

Saturday 3rd arose about 7. W cold and clear did sewing all day retired at

midnight.

Sunday 4th arose before 8. W. fine and cold. did housework all day, wrote in the eve a sketch from the bible retired about 11.

Monday 5th arose about 7. W. still very cold, did housework a.m. spent p.m. with Barbara who is very sick retired after 10.

Tuesday 6th arose before 6. W. fine and cold, did housework am writing p.m. retired about 12.

Wensday 7th arose before 6. W. clear and cold washed all day, retired about 10.

Thursday 8th arose before 6. W. fine and cold, did housework a.m. tailoring p.m. retired about 11.

Friday 9th arose about 6 W. fine did housework all day, retired about 10. very very tired

Saturday 10th arose about 7. W. fine spent a.m. in cleaning p.m. attend 14th Ward meeting called on Effie did reparing in the eve, retired about 10.

Sunday 11th arose about 7. W. fine did housework a.m. at noon attended the funeral of Robert Parry of Newmarket North Wales. Attended Ward meeting, Sisters Morgan and Jones of Spanish Fork abode with us over night retired about 12.

Monday 12th arose before 7. W. milder, did the weeks washing retired at 11.

Tuesday 13th arose about 6. W. very mild and windy; did housework all day, retired about 10

Wensday 14th arose before 6. W. ~~fine~~ very windy, blinding snow after dark, did housework most of the day, attended the funeral of Mother Philips. Retired about ten

Thursday 15th arose before 6. W. cold lots of snow, did housework all day, Sisters Morgan and Jones stayed over night sang songs for them had a pleasant time retired about 11.

Friday 16th arose before 7. W. fine did housework a.m. Attended the funeral of Mrs. E. Shearman p.m. Attended to home affairs spent another pleasant eve retired after 11.

Saturday 17th arose before 7. W. fine did housework and repairing; our friends Went home on the p.m. train We attended a lecture by Bro Fotheringham. retired about 10.

Sunday 18th arose at before 6. W. fine at 10. a.m. was called to attend to Ann Mcdonald who is supposed to be dying, called on Effie came home before 4. oclock. Attended Ward meeting watched ~~with~~ Ann Mcdonald ~~all~~ at night in company with Sister Haully

Monday 19th W. fine came home about 11. a.m. rested and did repairing Bro Dan Thomas, Miss Lizzie Kimball Aunt Lavinia and Vinnie Vaughan called, retired about 10.

Tuesday 20th W. fine arose in good season at 11 a.m. attended the funeral

of Elder John Vancot [Van Cott]. Came home about 3. oclock. My Sister spent p.m. and eve with us very peasantly. little George is nine years old to day, retired after midnight.

W 21st arose at 7. W. fine washed and did other work, retired at 9.30.

Thursday 22nd arose soon after 5. read till 7. W. cold and wet. at 10. a.m. attended the funeral of Sister Ann Mcdonald followed the remains to the centry came home about 2. spent p.m. attending to home affairs and reading. My Husband left for Tintic this a.m. We retired before 10.

Friday 23rd arose before 6. W. cloudy and wet did housework all day Sisters Ball and Powell called, retired about 11.

Saturday 24th arose about 6. W. fine fine did housework all day, repairing in the eve, Chatted with Addie and Zadie about bygone days; retired after midnight.

Sunday 25th arose about 7. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. the speaker was Elder G.G. Bywater. Attended Ward meeting, Apostle Woodruff and Elder C.W. Penrose addressed us. had a good time, retired about 10.

Monday 26th arose before six. W. fine did washing and other work retired after midnight

Tuesday 27th arose before 7. W. fine did housework all day, Sisters Foster and Parker called as teachers also Bro Evan Philips little Clara Bell Ridges and Sister Hauley called, retired after midnight.

Wensday 28th arose before 7. W. very fine visited the Block came home after dark, did writing in the eve retired about 11. ~~Thur~~

March 1883

Thursday 1st arose at 6.30 W. fine attended to home affairs at 10.30 attended fast meeting had a good time Bp Pollard gave a great blessing to little Willie Fidkin. said that he should go to the Nations of the earth, baptize hundreds, do many mighty works and wonders. Many of the brethren toched on the principle of Celestial Marrage, an excelent spirit prevailed, at one p.m. finished visiting the Block, at 2. attended Committee Meeting had a good time, came home at 4.30 attended to home affairs did repairing in the eve, retired about 10.

Friday 2nd arose at 4.10. W. fine read till 7. did housework a.m. p.m. visited Effie, did a good deal of sewing came home before dark, read for the Children and they for me. Bp. Crain abode with us over night retired after midnight

Saturday 3rd arose about 7. W. find worked among the paper rags all day, Cousin Lizzie Morris Rollins came from Centerville, Cousisin Willford Ridges abode with us over night retired before 12.

Sunday 4th arose about 7. W. mild and cloudy, attendd to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Bro Penrose spoke, Cousin Annie Morris called, also Cheer and Gron. Attended Ward meeting Elders Davis and Fowler spoke excellently, retired about 10.

Monday 5th arose at 4.20. wrote in my Journal till about 6. W. very fine and mild did washing and other work attended S.S. Union in the eve. retired about 10.

Tuesday 6th arose before 6. W. fine did housework a.m. worked among paper rags p.m. Miss Lavinia [Charlotte] Parry of Logan called, had very pleasant converse with her on Logan Temple, and the work of the Saviour. read in the eve, retired about ten.

Wensday 7th arose at 4.20. W. fin spent the day in cleaning and washing. retired about 10

Thursday 8th arose early W. fine spent most of the day in cleaning, retired about 10.

Friday 9th arose before 6. W. fine attended Society Conference all day, retired about 8.

Saturday 10th arose very early W. fine spent the day in cleaning repaired in the eve retired about 10.

Sunday 11th arose before 6. W. fine did housework a.m. p.m. wrote a peice for the Exponent. attendd Ward meeting in the eve. retired about 12.

Monday 12th arose in good season. W. very fine did housework and washing Sister Harrison. Cousin Mattie and Sister Rupp called. attended theatre at night, retired after midnight.

Tuesday 13th arose soon after 7. W. fine did housework all day, retired after 11.

Wensday 14th arose soon after 6. W. fine attended the funeral of Bro Warren [Christopher C. Warne] a.m. Attended to business up town p.m. attended to home affairs Bro Wm Jones called as teacher in the eve. retired about 11.

Thursday 15th arose before 6. W. fine did housework a.m. p.m. attended a surprise party on Aunt Nancy Morris it being her 50th birthday came home about 8, retired ten or 11.

Friday 16th arose early W. fine attended to home affairs called on Effie a.m. a surprise party came on Addie and Zadie. in the eve had a good time retired after 1. oclock.

Saturday 17th arose about 7. W. warm did repairing a.m. attended a Matteneea Concert in the theater by E. Stevens class p.m. it was a grand affair. Came home at 5. attended to affairs retired about 10.

Sunday 18th arose before 6. W. fine but cooler did housework a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. the speakers were Apostle G.Q. Cannon, and Delegate John T. Caine. had a good time. attended Ward meeting in

the eve, Apostles G.Q. Cannon and W. Woodruff addressed us had a time of refresshing. retired about 10.30.

Monday 19th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework and washing retired about 9. sadly tired.

Tuesday 20th arose soon after 4. still very tired. W. fine did housework a.m. visited My Neice Mrs A Ridges p.m. accompanied by little Kate and my Neice Zadie Walker came home after dark, read for the children in the eve. retired about ten.

Wensday 21st arose soon after 5. W. fine, did housework a.m. A 3. p.m. attended the funeral of Mrs Mary Ann Price ~~lea~~ led the singing. Returned home at dark. Aunt Nancyy Eli and Annie Called retired about 11.

Thursday 22nd arose soon after 6. W. fine. Did housework all day, read for the children in the eve retired at 10.

Friday 23rd arose before 6. W. fine did housework, transacted business up town, did repairing in the eve, my husband went to Tintic this a.m. retired before 10.

Saturday 24th arose 5. rain gently falling, shower a.m. fine most of the day, Spent the day in cleaning did repairing in the eve, my Husband returned from Tintic. Zadie returned from Cousin Aggies. retired before 11.

Sunday 25th arose at 4.15. W. cloudy, read and wrote till 7. attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Ward meeting in the eve, retired about 10.

Monday 26th arose about 5.30. W. cloudy and windy, did housework and washing, Zadie went out to Aunt Aggies this p.m. did repairing in the eve retired at 10

Tuesday 27th arose at 5.30. still feeling tired. W. cloudy, did housework and repairing, attended Mr Phill Robinson's leture at the Theatre³ in the eve, retired at 12.

Wensday 28th arose before 6. W. cloudy did housework most of the day, called on Effie and little Mira [Almyra] Conrad. retired soon after 9.

Thursday 29th arose at 4.10. rain fell dureing the night. did housework and dressmakeing, retired at 10

Friday 30th arose at 4.40. W. ~~fine~~ wet did housework and dressmakeing spent part of p.m. with Effie. Miss Lizzie Kimball spent p.m. and eve with Addie. Did repairing in the eve retired at 11.30.

March 31st arose at 5.40. snow a.m. and eve did housework most of the day, Miss Alice Worthin abode with us retired at 11.30

3. This was the "farewell lecture" of Phil Robinson, a journalist, before his return to the East. The *Deseret Evening News* reported that Robinson "has made many warm friends in Utah by his outspoken and intelligent expressions of the true situation of Utah affairs." *Deseret Evening News*, March 27, 1883; March 28, 1883.

April 1883

Sunday 1st arose about 7. W. fine and cold. attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Ward meeting in the eve retired after 11.

Monday 2nd arose at 5.30 W. cloudy, washd a.m. did sewing p.m. Missess Sarah and Emma Ashton called. my Husband came home from Tintic started last saturday a.m. Retired at 8.30 sadly tired.

Tuesday 3rd arose at 3. read wote and rested till 6. did housework all day Sister Tole called also cheer Parry. Sister Foster and Parke Miss Worthin abode with us over night retired at 10.30.

Wensday 4th arose at 6. W. cloudy rained hard this p.m. visited the Block a.m. attended Committee meeting p.m. Sister Worthin, S. Dalton, Mrs C Vixon, A Snow and Earnet Hardy. this eve Cousin Becca and Sister Turner. abode with all night retired about 11.

Thursday 5th arose about 4.30 W. damp, did housework a.m. attended Con p.m. Cousin T.C. Morris Mrs Turner Miss Mooller and Mattie [Martha Ann] John abode with us over night retired after 12. our old friend Joseph [Hyrum] Armstrong called.

Friday 6th arose about 6. W. [blank] did housework ap a.m attended p.m. Addie attended the theatre with Bro Joe Bently retired about 10. Our old friend Sister Margret Williams of Cach Valley came this a.m.

Saturday 7th arose about 6. W. fine attended Con. a.m. did housework p.m. My Sister and Mrs. Lovrage called this eve Addie accompanied Mr D. Williams to the opra House retired after 1.

Sunday 8th arose about 7. W. fine attended Conference all day, Bro David Thomas called this eve a host of Young folks spent the eve with us had a grand sermon from Apostles J.F. Smith G.Q. Cannon F.M. Lyman and Prest Taylor. Rain pouring down st to night retired about midnight.

Monday 9th was waked about 6. oclock by the news of another little Grandson being borne to us last night about 10. ocloc⁴ W. wet and cold did housework all day. My old friend Sister Mary Rolands called also Sister Olive Parry. Isaac Morris went home to day. Addie attended the thetre this eve with Mr David Williams. I accompanied my old friend Sister MargretWilliams to the theatre this eve retired two housr after midnight.

Tuesday 10th arose about 6. W. cloudy rather cold did housework all day Wm P. G. Jones called to day, also Bro Henry Puegh. Our friends Mrs Williams and Son and Miss Mollie John went home on the a.m. train Mrs. Turner on the p.m. retired about 11.

4. Marvin Owen Ashton (1883–1946), the third son of Effie Morris and Edward Treharne Ashton, was the grandson of Mary Lois Walker and the father of LDS apostle Marvin J. Ashton.

Wensday 11. arose about 5.30. W. cold snow on the ground did housework a most of the day; called on my Daughter Effie found her and Babe well. Bro Armstrong visited us retired at 9.30

Thursday 12th arose about 5.30. W. wet did housework all day Bro Armstrong called on special business Messrs Bently and Hardy spent the eve with us, retired at 12.

Friday 13th arose before 6. W. cloudy did housework Miss Mattie John and Mrs David Williams left on the p.m. Train called on Effie allso Mrs Terry and Mrs allcock. retired about 11.

Saturday 14th arose at 6. snow on the ground, W. fine did housework all day Addie accompanied Bro Bently to Provo this p.m. Did reparing in the eve retired at 10.

Sunday 15th arose at 5. read till 7. W. fine ground frozen attended to home affairs a.m. attended the funeral of Sister Allcock's Baby. also called on my Daughter Effie attended Ward meeting in the eve, Bro James Ure Sen spoke excelently retired before 10

Monday 16th arose befor 6. W. fine washed most of the day retired very early.

Tuesday 17th arose at 5. W. changeable attended to home affairs a.m. went to a carpet bee p.m. at my friend's Sister Ridges, Addie came home from Provo this eve has had good time. retired after midnight.

Wensday 18th arose soon after 6. W. fine did housework all day my Neice Colarbell Ridges spent p.m. with us Sister [Mary] Thomas Wife of John Thomas the tailor died to day retired about 10.

Thursday 19th arose before 5. W. fine and windy. attended to home affairs a.m. p.m. attended the funeral of Sister Thomas, called on Effie found her and Baby well. retired before 9.

Friday 20th arose bfore 5. W. cloudy and damp, did housework all day retired at 10.

Saturday 21st arose before 4. read till after 5. W. fine, attended to home affairs a.m. attended 12th Ward meeting p.m. had a good time had a long talk with Sister Unger. Miss Lizzie Kimball called retired at ten.

Sunday 22nd arose at 6. snowing fast continued all day; spent p.m. at home guarding the children, attended Ward meeting Bp's Lunt and Pollard spok well. retired about 9.

Monday 23rd arose at 5. snow falling all day, washed most of the day, retired about 10.

Tuesday 24th arose at 6. dreadfull wind last night, W. Windy and cold, did housework all day, retired about 9.

Wensday 25th arose soon after 5. W. clear cold and windy did housework all day, my Neice Clara Bell Ridge, and Sister Tole visited us, retired at 11.30.

Thursday 26th arose at 6. did housework all day retired about 10. W. fine

Friday 27th arose at 6. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. called on Cheer Parry and Sister Harrison and Sister Jenkins. Retired after one o'clock.

Saturday 28th arose after 8. attended the Funeral of Aunt Betty [Elizabeth Godbe] Taylor. Wife of Elder James Taylor Father of Prest John Taylor. Attended to home affairs retired about 10

Sunday 29~~th~~ arose about 5. W. lovely attended to home affairs a.m. spend p.m. and eve with Effie. ~~attended~~ retired about 10.

Monday 30th arose at 6 W. fine. did housework and washing Elias Jones and John Parry spent the eve with us. retired after 10.

May 1883

Tuesday 1st arose at 5. W. wet. did housework all day; attended Y.F.M. in the eve Miss Thomas lectured retired about 10.

Wensday 2 arose at 6. W. moderate spent the day visiting the block. called on Effie in the eve retired about 10

Thursday 3rd arose about 5.30 attended to home affairs, attended fast meeting a.m. Committee meeting p.m. attended to home affairs, retired about 10

Friday 4th arose at 5. W. fine, attended to home affairs a.m. called on Effie p.m. did needle work while thir retired at 10.30.

Saturday 5th aros before 5. fine did housework and attended 14th Ward meeting. retired about 10.

Sunday 6th arose before 6. W. fine spent the day at home, attended Ward meeting in the eve. retired about 10

Monday 7th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework and washing, retired about ten.

Tuesday 8th arose before 5. W. fine did the days work and ironing, retired about 10.

Wensday 9th arose before 5. W. fine did housework and made calls on Cher Parry, Sister Willson, Sister Thompson, Sister Warterfall a new comer, minstered to her wants. also called on Sisters Burton and Rhodes. retired before 12.

Thursday 10th arose at 5.30. W. fine did housework and repairing my old Ship-mate Sister Alice Needham died to day retired about 11.30.

Friday 11th arose at 5.40 30. W. fine worked as yesterday. Addie recived several letters amongst others one from Mr Bently, Bro Edward L. Parry of Manti called this eve retired before 12.

Saturday 12th arose at 5.40. W. fine attended to home affairs all day, Mr Roberts of Provo dined with us, Sister Thomas of Mill Creek called also Sister Tole. dreadful wind this eve retired about 10.

Sunday 13th arose at 5.15. W. changeable attended the funereal of Sister

Alice Needham a.m. rested p.m. Attended Ward meeting in the eve retired about 10.

Monday 14th arose before 5. W. cloudy rather cold, did the weeks wash a.m. rested p.m. wrote to my Brother, Sister Rhodes callede. This is my 48th birth day, may God help me to be faithful that I may dwell with His people for ever is my most earnest desire retired about 10.

Tuesday 15th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework a.m. transacted business p.m. retired about 9.30.

~~*Wensday 16th* arose at 4.30. W. fin Addend did housework a.m. attended Society meeting p.m. retired about 9.~~

Wensday 16th arose at 4.30. W. fine did repairing housework and the weeks ironing retired about 10.

Thursday 17th arose about 5. W. fine did housework a.m. attended sewing meeting p.m. retired about 10.

Friday 18th arose soon after 5. W. fine spent most of the day with Effie did Millinary work had a pleasant tim with Effie Sister Bell Harris was put in the Penitenitary to day for not telling whos Wife she was.⁵ Retired about ~~10.30~~ 11.

Saturday 19th arose before 5. W. fine did housework all day. retired about 10.30.

Sunday 20th arose about 5. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. p.m. attended the funeral of Bro J.W. Cummings. In the eve called on Bro T.F. Howells on geneological business. retired about 11.

Monday 21st arose about 6. W. fine, did housework and cutting out. retired about 10.

Tuesday 22nd arose at 5.30. did housework all day Bros Wm Jones and J. Britt called as teachers retired about 10. W. fine.

Wensday 23rd arose at 6 5.30. W. fine did housework all day retired at 10.

Thursday 24th arose before 6. W. fine did housework all day retired about 9.

Friday 25th arose at 4.30 W. fine did housework and repairing Bro Cottom of St George called Also Sister Eliza Jones. retired at 10.30.

Saturday 26th arose soon after 6. W. fine did housework all day Mr Robins of Provo dined with us. Addie recived a letter from ~~Mr Bently~~. Retired before 11.

Sunday 27th arose before 6. W. fin attended to home affairs a.m. attended

5. On May 18, 1883, Belle Harris was put in the Utah penitentiary for contempt of court. When testifying before a grand jury in a polygamy investigation, she refused to answer whether or not she was married and who her husband was. The *Deseret Evening News* described Harris as "a lady with a nursing infant, having another child from whom she is forcibly separated, torn from her home in Monroe, Beaver County." Harris was a granddaughter of Emer Harris, the brother of Martin Harris, one of the three witnesses to the Book of Mormon. *Deseret Evening News*, May 18, 1883; May 19, 1883; *Chronology*, 112.

Tabernacle ~~am~~ and Ward meetings retired abot 11.

Monday 28th arose about 4.30. did housework and went up tow sent papers to Moroni. retired about 9.30.

Tuesday 29th arose at 5. W. fine did housework and sewing, retired about 11.

Wensday 30th arose before 5. W. lovely, did cleaning till after 9. Accompanied by Husband. Addie, Zadio, George and Kate. had a delightful drive to Camp Duglas [Douglas]. and the 8th Ward squar witnessed the games there had a very pleasant time came home before 3. ocloc retired about 9.

Thursday 31st arose before 4. W. windy and dusty, did housework and sewing, my Sister abode with us over night retired after midnight.

June 1883

Friday 1 arose about 5. W. fine did housework most of the day Addie and Zadio spent the day at Calders with the University Students. retired before 10.

Saturday 2nd arose at 4.30. W. fine did housework and sewing, attended 14th Ward meeting had good time. Lizzie Rollins and her Motherinlaw came from Bountiful, retired about 10.

Sunday 3rd arose at 5. slight shower day fine did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. called on my Nephew R.P. Morris and family; retired before 10.

Monday 4th arose at 5. W. fine, did housework and washing cousin Lin Musser called. retired at 11.

Tuesday 5th arose about 5 W. fine did housework all day ~~Sister M.E. Jones~~ called on Sister Kimball to bid her good bye retired about 10.

Wensday 6th arose before 5. W. fine did housework all day Sister M.E. Jones calld also Cousin Aggie retired about 10.

Thursday 7th arose before 5. W. fine did a good deal of cleaning; at 10. attended Fast meeting had a good time Effie had her baby blessed she and Babes spent p.m. with us. retired before 10.

Friday 8th arose before 5. W. fine and cold fire comfortable, sewed all day, retired at 12.

Saturday 9th before 5. W. fine and rather cold, sewed all day recived a letter from my Nephew M.W. Pratt. recived one yesterday from my brother. retired about 10.

Sunday 10th arose at 4.15. W. warm attended to home affairs a.m. guarded the children p.m. visited a french family after evening meeting, retired about 10.

Monday 11th arose at 4.30. W. fine, at 4 p.m. went to Liberty Park. to a gathering of the Pratt famly in honor of my Sisters birthday, had a pleasant time. retired before 10.

Tuesday 12th arose about 4.30. W. fine continues cool, Husband better, the Ward spends the day at Liberty Park most of the family gone, spent the day doing housework and sewing, read for the Children in the eve. retired at 9.30.

Wensday 13th arose at 4.30. W. fine a shower of rain p.m. Did housework all day read for the children in the eve, retired before 10. Husband better.

Thursday 14th arose before 5. thunder and rain dureing the night. W. fine, did housework some repairing retired before 10 bgan copying my compositions **Frid**

Friday 15th arose at 5. heavy rain and thunder last night did housework all day, Miss Cora Linzy and Miss Emma and Lizzie Ashton called this eve, retired about 11.

Saturday 16th arose about 5. W. fine and cool fires comfortable, sewed most of the day, Mr D. William and Miss Mattie John called Also Missess Georgeanna [Georgiana Snow] and Jophene [Josephine] Snow and Misses Mollie and Eliza Lunn of St George. retird about 11.

Sunday 17th arose before six W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. attend Tabernacle meeting p.m. In the eve my old friends Joseph Armstrong and Wife, and Sister Sarah Chatterly of Cedar City called we spend the eve very pleasantly converseing and singing, retired at 12.30.

Monday 18th arose before 6. W. warm, accompanied my friends to Sister Griggs. spend an hour with her Did housework and cutting out, retired about 9.

Tuesday 19th arose about 4.30. W. warm, our friends left us before noon, Bro C. Stevens of Weber called Began housecleaning p.m. retired about 10.

Wensday 20th arose about 5. W. fine and warm continued house-cleaning retired about 9. was waked at 12 30. by an explosion, arose from my pillow to behold a great fire, my Husband observed that it appeared to be in the direction of his warerooms and office,⁶ in five minutes he was off, a few minutes later we recived a telephone saying that it was burnt down, also Savages Ast Bayor H.B. [Hiram Bradley] Clawsons warerooms and several other placs includeing the Council house the Tabernacle and Tithing Office also caught fire, the windows of all the principle places in

6. According to a newspaper account, shortly after midnight on June 21, 1883, the premises of H. R. Clawson caught fire. Clawson had a large amount of "powder" on his property that exploded, spreading the fire to the Council House, a bakery, shoe shop, furniture shop, and other buildings, including Elias Morris's business at 21 W. South Temple. This fire caused six thousand dollars in property damage to Elias Morris's business, which—combined with a loss over construction work done for the Mammoth mine—caused him financial difficulties. An account in the *Deseret Evening News* said that as a result of the fire, Morris "is compelled to make nearly a new start; and he resumes on a broad basis, so that the business fabric may reach a desirable height. He can be found at his now charred and dilapidated stand, receiving orders for work in his line as briskly and almost as cheerfully as ever, and will shortly be found in brand new premises." *Deseret Evening News*, June 21, 1883; July 19, 1883.

town were broken. We waited for his return until daylight, at 5. he came, at 9.30. we went to see the ruins, continued housecleaning Cheer Parry's Baby was born to night retired about 9.

Friday 22nd arose about 5. W. warm cleaning the order of the day, Husband returned from high Council at 1.5. retired, complains of symptoms of sever illness,

Saturday 23rd ~~ar~~ arose at blout 5. W. quite warm did housecleaning and repairing Husband sick retired soon after 10.

Sunday 24th arose before 6. W. warm attended to home affairs a.m. Miss Lund dined with us. spent p.m. Miss M. Lamb called. Attended Tabernacl p.m. spent ~~p.m.~~ eve at home (Husband sick) retired about 11.

Monday 25th arose at 4.30. W. warm did repairing gardening and housecleaning, Husband better Nephi sick; retired soon after 9.

Tuesday 26th arose before 5. W. warm, admistered holy oil to Nephi, anon-iting him in the name of the Lord from which time he began to amend; Mother Williams called retired about 11.

Wensday 27th arose about 4.30. W. very warm Nephi is about to day, for wich I feel to praise God. Sister Williams abode with us over night had a long chat with her about work for the dead. Attended the funeral of Sister [Caroline C.] Chatfield who died yester day. Continued housecleaning, Sister Harrison called retired about 10.

Thursday 28th arose soon after six W. very warm. Nephi gone to work, continued housecleaning

Friday 29th arose about 6. W. very warm did housecleaning and worked on a pair of slippers retired about 10.

Saturday 30th arose before 4. W. hot did cleaning all day. My Husband is fifty eight years old to day, there is a very pleasant party gotten up for him, my eldest daughter and Husband are there retired about 10.

July 1883

Sunday 1st came about 6. W. hot, attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. called on Sister Willson in the eve, retired about 11.

Monday 2nd arose about 6. W. hot did housework and sewing retired about 10.

Tuesday 3rd arose soon after 4. W. fine did housework and sewind and visited part of my block, Miss Mamie Lamb called, retired about 10

Wensday 4th arose before 5. W. cooler attended to home affairs a.m. p.m. went to Washington Squar, saw the Bycycle races, Base Ball games⁷ and the Baloon asend, retired at ten

7. The rivalry between Salt Lake's gentile and Mormon baseball teams made baseball popular in the area between 1877 and 1879. Baseball lost popularity in Salt Lake City

Thursday 5th arose at 6. Wether has been cooler for some days nights lovely, attended fast Meeting a.m. Committee Meeting p.m. called on Sister Ward who seems to be fast passing away, had quite chat with her on the percutions she had endured for the truths sake, attended to home affairs retired at midnight.

Friday 6th arose at 5. W. lovely, did housework and sewing, Addie sick this p.m. retired at midnight

Saturday 7th arose at 5. W. fine Addie some better, attended Stake Conference all day, had a very enjoyable chat between meetings with Bro's A Giauque and Wm Sheerman, also with Sister Hannah T. King and Sister Smith, and Mcalister came home at 5. attended to home affairs, retired at 10.

Sunday 8th arose at 5 W. hot attended Con most of the day, at 5. p.m. attended the funeral of Bro J.B. Toroto spent the eve at home retired at 10.

Monday 9th arose to 5. W. hot thunder shower p.m. did housework all day retired at 9.

Tuesday 10th arose at 4.30 W. hot did washing and sewing, attended Primary Meeting in the Conty Court House, had a good time, retired soon after 10.

Wensday 11th arose soon after 5. washed beding ~~wash most of the day~~, did sewing also, retired before 9

Thursday 12th arose about 5. W. hot washed wool most of the day, did sewing also retired at 11.

Friday 13th arose soon after 4. W. hot did housework a.m. sewing p.m. retired before 10.

Saturday 14th arose soon after 5. W. hot, did sewing and housework a.m. attended 14th Ward meeting p.m. sewing in the eve retired at 11.

Sunday 15th arose about 5. W. hot attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Prests G. Q. Cannon and Taylor spoke with great power, attended Ward meeting in the eve, had a good time called Misses Lund and Miss G. Snow also Mr Wolley, also Cheer Parry and baby. retired at 9.

Monday 16th arose about 4.30. did housework gardening and sewing, retired at 10.

Tuesday 17th arose at before 6. did sewing and went up town retired early

Wensday 18th arose about 5. W. hot did housework all day retired in good time.

Thursday 19th arose about 4. W. hot did housework and sewing Miss Lund

when the gentile-dominated Deseret Club baseball team became largely professional. The sport revived again after 1883 as a result of business promotion. This interest in baseball was reflected in the larger United States, as sports in America came to include spectator, as well as purely recreational, activities. Schlereth, *Victorian America*, 223–25; Alexander and Allen, *Mormons and Gentiles*, 117–18.

called, abode with over night took her to see Sister George retired at 11.
Friday 20th arose before 5. W. hot, did housework Most of the day, Effie and babes spent p.m. with us retired about 10
Saturday 21st arose about 5.30 W. fine did housework all day retired at 10.
Sunday 22nd arose at 5.30. attended to home affairs a.m. visited Sister Waterfall whos babe is very sick attended Ward meeting in the eve, called on Sister W. baby is dieng retired before 12
Monday 23rd arose about 5. W. very warm, did housework and attended the funeral of Sister Waterfalls baby retired at 10.
Tuesday 24th arose before 5. W. hot, attended the grand Concert in the Tabernacle a.m., attended to home affairs p.m. Missess Jophene Snow and Mollie and Eliza Lund visited this p.m. abode with us over night retired at 11.
Wensday 25th arose before daylight to witness the Circus caravan, went up town a.m. Msess Snow and Lund departed Cousin Lizzie Rolins came to day abode over night retired at 9.
Thursday 26th arose about 5. W. very hot washed most of the day retired before 12. Sister Tole called p.m.
Friday 27th arose at 5.30. W. hot. did housework a.m. sewing retired about 10.
Saturday 28th arose at 4.30 W. showery did housework am a.m. p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting had a glorios time retired about 10.
Sunday 29th arose soon after 5 attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Bro Woodruff spoke Attended Ward meeting in the eve retired about 10.
Monday 30th arose before 4. W. ~~showery~~ fine, did housework went up town posted papers and a vol. of Exponants to Ind. wote to O. retired about 10.
Tuesday 31st arose at 6. W. fine did housework all day Bro Jones and Brit called as teachers retired about 11.

August 1883

Wensday 1st aroe about 5. W. hot attended to home affairs a.m. visited my block p.m. retired about 10.
Thursday 2nd aroe soon after 5. W. hot did housework a.m. and attended fast meeting. p.m. attended Committee Meeting p.m. and did other business retired about 10.30.
Friday 3rd arose soon after 4. W. hot. did housework all day retired about 11.
Saturday 4th arose about 5. W. hot did housework and transacted buissness up town. retired at 11.
Sunday 5th arose at 5.30. W. hot, attended Tabernacle p.m. Mr. Shearma called p.m. attended Ward Meeting retired at 11.
Monday 6th arose about 5.15. W. hot did housework most of the day Mrs.

Willson payed us a visit retired about 11.

Tuesday 7th arose soon after 4. W. hot did housework all day retired about 10.

Wensday 8th arose about 5. W. hot; did housework and repairing. Before noon accompanied by Zadio and Addie went to Sugar-house Ward, spent p.m. very pleasantly, retired at midnight

Thursday 9th arose about 5. W. hot. was indisposed all day, retired about 10.

Friday 01th arose about 5. day hot, thunder lightning and rain at night, came home in the eve, had a good time reading and talking to the children, retired at 11.

Friday Saturday 11 arose about 4.30 W. hot eve cloudy, did housework a.m. attended 14th Ward meeting, Addie and Zadio attended the theatre. Mr. Jed and Miss Susan Wolley called this eve retired about 10.30

Sunday 12th arose before 5. W. fin attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m., my nephew M.W. Pratt arrived from his Mission to Lnd last night attended Ward meeting in the eve, retired about 10.

Monday 13th arose at 5. W. hot did the weeks washing retired about 10.

Tuesday 14th arose about 5.30 W. hot did housework all day, my Neice Mrs Eldredge called and took Addie out to Sugar-house Ward with her, wrote a postal to Mrs Williams of Chache Co. retired about 10.30

Wensday 15th arose at 4. W fine did housework all day retired about 10.

Thursday 16th arose before 5. W. sultry shower at p.m. did housework all day, retired soon after 11.

Friday 17th arose about 5. W. warm. did housework all day, my Sister and little Edna Eldredg [Edna Pratt Eldredge] accompanied Addie home from Sugarhouse Ward. Misses Mary [Ellen Fenton] and Fray [Francis Marie] Fenton called in the eve, retired after 12.

Saturday 18th arose about 5. W. pleasant, spent the day at Black Rock. with the family and my Sister came after dark, retired before 10.

Sunday 19th arose at 6. W. cooler, spent the day at home, with my Sister who read a grand sermon by Prest Taylor, Sister went home before dark, attended Ward meeting accompanied by the Children, had a good time, rejoiced before the Lord. retired about 9.

Monday 20th arose before 4. W. pleasant washed most of the day, attended the funeral of Sister [blank] Ward, who died a myrter to the cause of truth. called on Sister Parker our old neighbor, who is very sick. retired about 10.

Tuesday 21st arose soon after 4. W. pleasant, did housework all day retired before 11.

Wensday 22 arose soon after 5. W. pleasant did housework and ironing transacted business up town retired about 9.

Thursday 23rd arose about 6. W. cooler did housework, and sewing, Addie and Zadio accompanied by Miss Francy Fenton went with the Firemans

Excurton to Cache Valley, Retired at 9.

Friday 24th arose before 4. W. cloudy and cooler. did housework and sewing Addie and Zadio returned home this eve from Logan retired at 10.

Saturday 25th about 5. W. hot did housework attended 14th Ward Meeting had a good time At 1.20 p.m. Captin Andrew Burt was shot dead by the hand of a negro while peacefully in the discharge of his duty as preserver of the public peace.⁸ Retired about 10.

Sunday 26th arose at 5.30. W. hot attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Bro G.G. Bywater spoke. attended the laying of the corner of the Baptist Church which is situated in our Ward. Attended Ward meeting, Bro John Nickleson spoke in great power by the spirit of eternal truth, which comforted our hearts. Retired at 10.

Monday 27th arose at 5.30. W. hot. did housework and sewing retired at 10.

Tuesday 28th arse before 6. W. very hot, did housework and sewing, Attended the funeral of Captain Burt retired about 10.

Wensday 29th arose at 5. W. hot. did housework all day retired about 10

Thursday 30th arose before 6. W. hot rained al night did housework most of the day retired at 10

Friday 31st arose at 5.30. rain and thunder W Mr D. Williams and Miss Mollie John were married yesterday. very heavy rain and thunder this p.m. did housework and sewing retired two hours after midnight.

September 1883

Saturday 1st arose about 6.30. did house work and transactd business up town retired at 11.

Sun 2nd arose about 4: 6. W. fine spent the day at home wrote to my brother retired before 10.

Mon 3rd arose soon after 4. W. fine did housework all day, Mrs Richardson called, also Sisters Foster, Jones and Burnham. Addie and Zadio attended S.S. Union. retired before 10.

Tue 4th arose before 4. W. hot did housework all day, my Neic Zadio is 20. years old to day a large party came here this eve to surprise her, had a good time retired at 2. oclock.

8. On August 25, 1883, Andrew Hill Burt (1828–1883), the captain of the Salt Lake City police force, was killed by an African American man named Harvey, whom he was trying to arrest. Harvey had come to Salt Lake City that day and “got into an argument with Frances Grice, another black, at the latter’s restaurant on South Main.” After “threatening” Grice, Harvey bought a gun. Hearing of the incident, Burt tried to arrest Harvey, who shot and killed him. Upon being taken into custody, Harvey was beaten by the police, who “then turned [him] over to a howling mob estimated at 2,000, who hanged him in a nearby stable.” Alexander and Allen, *Mormons and Gentiles*, 120.

Wensday 5th arose before 6. W. hot, thunder lightning and rain to night retired about 9.30.

Thursday 6th arose soon after 6. W. warm, did house work all day, retired after ten

Friday 7th arose about 6. W. hot, dreadful wind storm last night did housework all day retired before 10.

Saturday 8th arose soon after 4. W. fine, did housework and sewing George sick of dypthria anointed him with holy oil the administretions was blessed he rested well retired at 11.

Sunday 9th arose before 6 W. fine George better for which I feel to praise God. Spent the day at home, retired about 10.

Monday 10th arose about 5.30 W. blurstery did housework all day retired at 10. George better.

Tue 11th arose before 6. W. fine most of the day cloudy in the eve, attended to home affairs, spent part of the day with Effie, retired about 10.

Wen 12th arose about 5.30 W. cooler, Was called to help lay out Mother Balldwin [Nancy Kingsbury Baldwin] who died at 7. a.m. did housework most of the day retired about 10.

Thursday 13th arose ~~soon after 5. W. chilly~~ before 6. W. cooler attended to home affairs a.m. attended the funeral of Mother Balldwin p.m. Prest G.Q. Cannon spoke. Retired about 11. George and Kate attended a surprise party at Miss Clara Bockholts.

Frday 14th arose soon after 5. air chilly did housework all day retired about 11.

Sat 15th arose before 6. W. fine feel sick from cold, called on Sister Benny Brown whos grandchild is sick dead. called on Bro Griggs, sent the Temple carpet to be woven sent a note to Bp Pollard retired about 10.

Sun 16th arose about 6. W. fine, attended to home affairs. at 10. a.m. attended the funeral of Baby Elebeck at 3. p.m.⁹ called on Sister Jackson. whos ~~Baby~~ ^{Baby} is confind baby dead. I accompanid the family to the grave yard. attended Ward meeting had a good time. Stevey Hadstone was cut off. Mrs Lennan was buried this p.m.¹⁰ Retired at 11.

Monday 17th arose about 6. W. warmer did housework and washing, attended a Concert in the eve heard of the death of Freddie Rowe, retired about 11.

Tuesday 18th arose before 6. W. fine did housework all day went up town in the eve, took Katies little bed and beding to the Childrens Fair. Retired at 11.

9. The infant son of James and Sarah B. Ellerbeck died on September 14, 1883. *Deseret Evening News*, September 15, 1883.

10. Mrs. Lannan's funeral was held at her family residence and was officiated by Rev. Lee of the Congregational Church. *Deseret Evening News*, September 17, 1883.

Wensday 19th arose about 4. W. lovely. did housework all day, there is a notice in the (Evening News) of little Katies Bed and beding that we put in the Fair yester day.¹¹ Retired at ten

Thursday 20th arose soon after 4. W. fine did housework most of the day, wrote a letter to my friend Mrs Mary Leigh Fancy is 19. years old to day Zadie and Nellie have gotten up a surprise party for her this eve, she was so overcome by surprise that she wept quite a while. Retired about 10.

Friday 21st arose about 5.30 W. lovely did housework, attended Society Conference am a.m. and p.m. called on the Contributor Office. Retired about 11.

Saturday 22nd arose about 5.30 W. fine did housework and went up town. in the evening attended the Children Fair accompanied by the Children Addie and Zadie retired after 11. had a delightful time at the Fair the room being crowded

Sunday 23rd arose about 6. W. fine attended to home affars a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Ward meeting in the eve, retired soon after 9.

Monday 24th arose before 6. W. fine did washing and cleaning retired about 10

Tue 25th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework all day, retired at 9.

Wen 26th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework all day Mrs Reena Davis called, retired about 11.

Thu 27th aroe at 5.30. W. fine did housework all day, repairig in the eve. Mrs Williams and Miss Stokes called retired after 11.

Fri 28th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework all day retired recived a letter from my brothr retired about 12.

Saturday 29th arose before 6. W. fine. did housework all day retired about 10.

Sunday 30th arose at 5. W. cloudy dreadful wind at night. attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Apostle B. Young and J. Nickleson spoke well. attended Ward meeting in the eve. Apostle G. Q. Cannon spoke. retired about 9

October 1883

Monday 1—arose soon after 5. rain dureing the night

5th day book of M. Lois Morris

October 1883

Mon 1st arose soon after 5. W. fine rain last night. did washing and other work, went up town in the eve retired after 10.

11. The newspaper said of Kate's contribution, "Bedding for a toy bedstead, beautifully done, age considered, by Katie V. Morris, 7." *Deseret Evening News*, September 19, 1883.

Tue 2nd arose before 5. W. cloudy, rained some did housework all day, in the eve went to see the Mormon Panaromma it was very beautiful we enjoyed it very much retired ~~after~~ 10.

Wen 3rd arose about 5. Thunder lightning and rain dureing the ni[*torn*] W. cloudy and wet to day cleared up this p.m. did housework all day Sister Grey called Bro Burkbeck stays with us to night Bros Jones and Britt called as teachers this eve retired about 12.

Thu 4th arose about 6. W. cold and cloudy attended to to home affairs a.m. visited my block p.m. gave in my report. Retired about 11.

Fri 5th arose about 6. W. fine. attended Conference a.m. had [*torn*] grand time. Called on Cousin Diantha attended to home affairs p.m. Cousin Cill Morris called and Miss Seaman ~~attended~~ retired about 11.

Saturday 6th aroe soon after 5. did housework, attended Con— a.m. had a good time. Bro Chalses Smith called. attended to home affairs p.m. Miss Luise Erring came to stay with us yesterday; retired about 11.

Sunday 7 arose about 6. W. still cold and damp, has ra[*torn*] every night for a week [*torn*] attended Con a.m. had a good time. Attended Con p.m. for one hour, had a grand time Prest Taylor and G. Q. Cannon spoke with great power. My old friend Libbee Allen Williams and Son and intended Daughter also Miss L. Allen and intended Husband arrived from Cachs Valley. spent a very pleasant eve Aunt Barbara Joined us who arrived from Frisco yesterday retired about 11.

Monday 8th arose [*torn*]t 6. rained again last this night The young Couples were married to day; we prepared wedding supper for them, My Sister arrived from Malad ~~to day~~ on friday came to abide with us this eve did housework most of the day retired after midnight

Tuesday 9th arose about 6. W. still damp and cloudy ~~did house~~ visited most of the day with my Sister and Neice Mrs A Ridges and Aunt Barbara. Mr and Miss Wooderry of St. George called, also Miss Camilla [Ensign] Mason of this City. Bro BerkBeck went home to day, retired about 10

Wensday 10th arose soon after 5. W. cloudy and mild, our Conference visitors went home on the arly train; at 11. a.m. attended the funeral of Bro Henry Maiben an acquaintance of thirty years; the speakers were much affected. Accompanied Bro Helaman Pratt and faimly home had a very pleasant visit with him converseing about his Mission,¹² came home at 4. attended to home affairs Sister crain called also Miss Addie Bowin of Beaver. retired about 11.

Thursday 11th arose at 6. W. fine did housework all day. retired about mid-night

Friday 12th arose before 6. W. cloudy and damp rained some. Aunt Barbra

12. Helaman Pratt (1846–1909), the son of Mary Wood and Parley Parker Pratt, served as the president of the Mexican Mission in 1877 and from 1884 to 1887.

dined with us My Neice Zaidée Walker has gone home this p.m. we shall miss her, she has left a vacant spot in our hearts. Retired about midnight.
Sat 13th arose about 6 W. fine did housework all day, had a narrow escape from the house being on fire through the mercy of God we were preserved, retired about 10.

Sun 14th arose soon after 6 a.m. fine p.m. cloudy and damp. attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Apostle George Tesdale spoke finely Elias Jones called this eve retired about 11.

Monday 15th arose at 3. rained all night and most of the day. Did housework and washing. Our old friend Bro Joseph Armstrong called this eve; he starts in the morning on a mission to Europe. Addie attended a surprise party on Bro J.W. Ashton. Conductor of the S.S. Choir. retired after 1. o'clock.

Tuesday 16th arose about 7. W. still wet. did housework all day; evening lovely the children attended Y.P. Mutual. retired about 10. [*in left margin*] (Bp. Hunter died)

Wednesday 17th arose soon after 5. rain most of the day did housework and repairing; evening clear and cold lovely moon light. Retired about 10.

Thursday 18th arose about 6. W. clear and fine, did housework all day Aunt Barbara called also Sister Burnham. Called on Mrs Fred. retired about 9.

Friday 19th arose ~~be~~ about 6. W. a.m. bright and clear; soon after 10. o'clock attended the funeral of Bro Thomas Howells who died on the 17th inst. the services were very interesting. the speakers were James Moyle George Romney, Elias Morris, Thomas [Evans] Jeremy, A.M. Cannon Apostle George Teasdale, and Bp. Pollard. At one. o'clock recived a call from Miss Mary Jones my friend also a present Accompanied by her, attended the funeral of Bishop Hunter which was concurred in the Assembly Hall. The speakers were Apostles Woodruff, F.D. Richards and Prest John Taylor. After which L. John Nuttal read a Testimony by Bp Hunter. which was very grand. transacted business in town parted with my friend and returned home before dark. retired a before 10. W. p.m. cloudy.

Saturday 20th arose before 4. W. fine. spent the day in cleaning, did repairing in the eve, retired before 11.

Sunday 21st arose before 6. W. lovely, attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Had a pleasant visit from Miss M. Jones this eve. Retired about 10.

Monday 22nd arose about 6. W. fine did housework a.m. transacted business up town p.m. retired about 10.

Tuesday 23rd arose about 6. W. fine. did housework all day retired about 10.

Wednesday 24th arose before 6. W. fine began work on a quilt. called on Sisters Willson and Gardner retired after one o'clock. heard some interesting news about Miss M.J.

Thursday 25th arose before 8. fine a.m. rain p.m. worked on a quilt all day wrote a rhyme to my Neice Ida Walker retired about 10

Friday 26th arose before 6. rained all night. did housework a.m. worked on a quilt p.m. finished them this eve; Mrs Lavinia [Charlotte] Parry Maughan called this p.m. Retired at 11.

Sat 27th arose before 6. W. changeable spent the day in cleaning. retired about 10.

Sunday 28th arose about 6. stormed last night cold and dull to day. The Salt Lake Pavilion was burnt down last night this a.m. Whismore's Saloon was burnt. Last night my Neice Mrs Winnie Tibbs presented her with a daughter. attended to home affairs this a.m. attended the Assembly Hall p.m. Ward meeting this eve. Called on Sister Pierpont this p.m. Give up all hopes of M.J. retired about 10.

Mon 29th arose about 6. W. fine did housework all day, retired soon after 9.

Tue 30th arose at 4. W. fine, did housework and called on my daughter Effie, retired about 10

Wen 31st arose before 5. W. lovely, did housework a.m. visited my block p.m. came home at dark. retired before 10.

November 1883

Thursday 1st arose about 5. W. lovely, attended fast meeting a.m. called on my Neice Mrs Tibbs also Mrs Parry, attended Committee meeting p.m. transacted business up town this eve. Cousin Becca Jones supped with us this eve retired before 11.

Friday 2nd arose soon after 6. W. fine a.m. cloudy p.m. rained slightly at night. did housework all day. Recived a letter from Margret Williams last night; sent postals this p.m. to Mrs Rowe Mrs Burgoyne and M.W. Pratt. Mrs Burgoyne and daughter, and Sister Perkins called this p.m. Called on Bro and Sister Guthrie this eve had a pleasant time. Retired about 11.

Sat 3rd arose at 6. W. fine, did housework and transacted business up town Miss Bogoyne came to ~~oct~~ stay with us retired about 10.

Sun 4th arose about 6. rain and snow most of the day. Attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. excelent speaking form Elders Abrham Cannon Rudger clawson and A.M. Cannon. attended Ward meeting in the eve, retired at 9. ~~Mon~~

Mon 5th arose at 4.35. W. fine did housework all day. Accompanied Mrs Burgone and her daughter and friend Miss Laker to attended the Theatre, my Husband followed after Miss Kate feild [Field]¹³ was the entertainer retired at 11.

13. Kate Field (1838–1896) was an author, journalist, dramatic critic, poet, and lecturer. She visited Salt Lake City in 1883–1884 and made a study of Mormonism. This study became the basis of her popular antipolygamy lectures, which she delivered in every

Tue 6 arose at 5. W. fine did housework all day, Cousin Becca called, retired about 10.

Wen 7th arose about 5. W. fine did houework all day Miss Laker called retired about 10

Thursday 8th arose about 5. W. wet did housework and sewing retired about 10.

Thursda Fri 9th arose about 6. W. wet, did housework and sewing retired before 12. (received a letter from Charles)

Saturday 10th arose after 6. W. fine did housework and transacted business in town. Addie attended a party with her Cousin Elias Jones. Had a good time. did repairing in the eve. retired about 1. oclock.

Sunday 11th arose at 6. W. lovely attended to home affairs a.m. spent p.m. at home being to tired to attend Ward p.m. meeting, attended Ward meeting in the eve the speakers were Bro Norman. and James Ure and Bp. Pollard. Retired at 9.30.

Monday 12th arose at 5.30 W. lovely did housework all day, my Daughter Effie and Babes spent p.m. with us, retired before 10.

Tue 13th arose before 4. W. lovely, did housework and a repairing retired at 9.30.

Wen 14th arose at 5.30. W. lovely did housework and repairing retired at 9.

Thursday 15th arose at 4.35. W. lovely, fog for two hours this a.m. did housework and repairing and millinery work, ~~Addie accompanied her old friend Cathrine Giles to the Theatre witnessed Lena, the Madcap. Retired about 12. Saturday~~ retired about 10

Fri 16th arose early W. fine did housework and repairing and millinery work. Addie accompanied her old friend C Giles to the Theatre retired about 12

Sat 17th arose at 6.30 W. fine did housework a.m. attended 14th Ward meeting p.m. transacted business in town retired at 9.30. Apostle Charles Coulson Rich [died] this p.m. at 2.30 oclock

Sun 18th arose before 6. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. Assembly Hall p.m. Joseph McMurrin spoke with great power Bro Mc master followed, attended Ward meeting in the eve, retired before 10.

Monday 19th arose before 4. snow a.m. cold and cloudy p.m. did housework and transacted business up town retired before 5. [*In top margin, written upside down:* Nephi started to school Monday 19 of November].

Tue 20th arose at 5.30 W. cold and cloudy, did housework most of the day. Apostle C.C. Rich is to be buried at 1 p.m. to day at Paris Bear Lake.

state between 1885 and 1890. She also appeared before a congressional committee to relate her antipolygamy views and called for the “‘dynamite of law’ to blow up Mormon polygamy.” Rossiter Johnson, ed., *Twentieth Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans*, 4:F (hereinafter cited as TCBF); Gordon, *The Mormon Question*, 164, 180.

Wrote to my Brother and Neice Zaidie this eve retired about 10.

Wensday 21st arose after 5. W. cold and snowing did housework all day finished writing to my Neice retired about 10.

Thu 22nd arose at 6. W. cold and wet, did housework all day retired about 10.

Friday 23rd arose about 6. W. mld, did housework all day, called on Sister horn and Jones. in the eve. Addie attended a ball and Concert with Cousin Elias Jones. retired about midnight.

Saturday 24th arose about 6.30. W. mild spent most of the day in cleaning very windy to night retired before 11.

Sun 25th arose before 7. W. cold, snow on the ground spent the day at home guarding the Children, copied part of a poem on our prophet this eve, Miss Miss Miller came to board with us this eve retired before 11.

Mon 26th arose at 5.30 W. fine, did housework all day, retired about 10.

Tue 27th arose about 5.30 W. fine did housework retired about 10

Wen 28th arose about 5.30 W. fine and cold, did washing and housework and washing. Jennie Coslet my old friend came in from Coloroda by the eve— train she and little Rose abode with us all night ~~re~~ retired about 11.

Thu 29th arose soon after 6. W. fine attended to home affairs all day Addie attended the Theatre with her Father and Sisters Nellie and Fancy. retired about 11.

Friday 30th arose at 6.30 W. fine did housework all day, retired about 9.

December 1883

Sat 1st arose at 5.30 W. fine did housework ~~at~~ and attended 14th Ward meeting, had a good time, transacted business in town, retired at 10

Sun 2nd arose at 6. W. mild and cloudy attended to home affairs, attended Assembly Hall, and evening meeting retired before 10.

Monday 3rd arose about 5.30. W. mild and cloudy did housework all day, retired about 11.

Tue 4th arose about 6. called on Sister Parker on important business, began housecleaning, retired about 9. W. ~~mild~~ mild and dull.

Wen 5th arose at 5.30 W. dull, did housework a.m. p.m. visited my block felt blessed, and tried to bless others, retired at 10.30.

Thursday 6th arose ~~at~~ about 6.30. W. fine, attended Fast meeting a.m. attended Committee meeting p.m. gave in the report of the Temple carpet being done. Was apointed a Committee to visit part of the Ward to colect money to help defend our cause as a People, was apointed one of an aprising committee. Sister Burgoyne. arrived from Montpielier, Gave a beautiful fan to Addie of very delicate workmanship. also gave little Kate a presant Addie attended a party with her Cousin Elias Jones. retired about ~~10~~ 9.

Friday 7th arose at 5.30 W. fine, did housework all day Nephi and George had a Surprise party, had a peasant time retired before 12.

Sat 8th arose 6.30 W. fin did housework and repairing retired before 11.

Sun 8 9th arose at 7.30 W. fine, attended to home affairs a.m. attended the Assembly Hall p.m. had a good time, the speakers were Elders F.A. Mitchel and John Nickleson, spent the eve at home, Sister Burgoyne left for home by the early train this a.m. Jennie accompaned her part way, returned this eve. retired at 10.

Monday 10th arose before 5. did housework all day retired about 10 W. fine

Tue 11th arose at 6.30. W. fine, did housework all most of the day. visited Block No 4. in behalf of the Defence fund, Elias Jones, James Brown, and Thomas Parry called spent the eve. Retired after 10.

Wen 12th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework all day, visited block No. 5. retired about 10

Thur 13th arose at before 5. W. cold, and foggy, did some housework, attended the Rizer p.m. Our old friend Sister Emma Williams Cummings called this p.m. Visited Block No. 6. this eve. Aunt Sarah Heiner and Husband. Cousins Will and Neiss Morris came to abide with us to night retired about 11.

Friday 14th arose before 7. W. fine did housework all day, transacted business in town, Miss Sallie Russell. and Sister Hally and Benny Labron left for Mexico to day, Benny and Will Labron retired about 11

Sat 15th arose about 6.30 W. fine did millinery work all day repairing in the eve Aunt Sarah and folks left for home to day Mrs B.F. Cummings called yesterday, retired about 11.

Sunday 16th arose at 6.30 W. fine, did housework a.m. Attended Assembly Hall p.m. the speakers were Elders Marks and Naisbet. Jonni is sick with sore throat to day and yester day, retired about 11.

Monday 17 arose at 6.30 W. fine did housework and washing attended the dedication of the Salt Lake Music Hall. retired before 12.

Tue 18th arose at 6.30 W. fin, did repairing washing and other housework retired before 10.

Wen 19th arose at 6.30. W. fine did housework and the weeks ironing retired about 1. oclock

Thursday 20th arose about 6. W. fine did housework. Effie and babes called. retired about 10.

Fri 21st arose about 6 W. wet did housework and sewing, took in the report of the defence fund, being 29.00. retired about 12.

Sat 22nd arose about 6. W. wet sowed most of the day, spent the day in cleaning, retired about 10. Miss Burgoyne recived a dispatch from home this eve requesting her to come home for th holydays

Sunday 23rd arose [s]oon after 5. W. cold and cloudy attended to home

affairs a.m. attended the Assembly Hall p.m. Apostle Albert Carrington spoke. attended Ward meeting this eve. retired about 10.30.

Monday 24th arose at 5. W. cold and cloudy did the weeks washing and other work Addie attended a party with Cousin Elias Jones retired before 2. o'clock *Tue 24th*

Tue 25th arose at 7.30. W. cloudy and rather wet attended to home affairs Recived a present last night from our old friend Mr Wm H. Shearman. Spent the day pleasantly at home May God help me to aprecate his blessings and keep firm hold of the iron rod is the most earnest desire of my heart, Addie attends the Theater with Elias Jones to night, read the prize story from the J.I. this eve. retired about 12.

Wen 26th arose before 6. W. fine did housework dureing the day. Heard of the death of Sister [Elizabeth Parker] Winder. My Sister and Neice Mrs Ridges called. did some writeing in the eve. retired about 10.

Thu 27th arose before 4. did reading, writing and housework, at 10 a.m. attended the funeral of Sister Elizabeth Parker Winders. the speakers were Joseph E. Taylor George Romney and Bp E.F. Sheets. returned home about 3. o'clock W. very mild sung part of the time. Cousin Becca called. Retired about 10.

Fri 28th arose at 6. snow falling fast at 8 a.m. clear p.m. Did housework most of the day, spent a few hours with Effie, retired about 10.30.

Saturday 29th arose about 5. W. fine, spent p.m. in cleaning, p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting, had a good time called on Sister Willson who is sick. retired about 10.

Sun 30th arose about 6. snowed part of the day, attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. the speakers were Wm M. Palmer and Heber J. Grant had a good time attended Ward Meeting in the eve Mr George Cannon called. retired before 11.

Mon 31st arose soon after 5. did the weeks washing, and sewing. Addie attendeds a party with Cousin Elias Jones. retired at 1. o'clock. †† Eleven years ago, this time or a few day before Christmas; my husband took one or two of his teams, and some brethren of the Ward and went from house to house and gathered provisions and comforts for the poor; and now it has become a costum in all the Wards of the City or Nearly so and thus are the poor blessed and comforted; and if all do their part as officers of the Wards none of the poor lack for comforts.

1884

“To Take Charge of the Primary Department of the Ward”

January 1884

Tue 1st arose at 7.30. W. cold and clear, attended to home affairs, my Soninlaw was our first caller. Then Cousin Wm C. Morris and his son Willy, also Mesrs George M. Cannon, and L.M. snow. Also Bp. Pollard who spent several hours with us. Addie takes her Father to a leapear Ball this evening in the 14th Ward. Retired at 1. oclock.

Wen 2nd arose about 7. ~~W. clear~~ snow falling most of the day, attended to home affairs all day, Presedent A.M. Cannon, Wife, son and two Neices supped and spent the evening with us; had a very pleasant time Retired about 12.

Thu 3rd arose at 7. did housework all day. W. mild and cloudy Bro Wm R. Jones called on Temple business. retired about 10

Fri 4th arose about 7. W. very mild and fine did housework all day, recived letters from Jennie coslet and Miss Burgoyne. Cousin Dick stayed over night with us. Addie attended a party with Mr George M. Cannon retired about 12.

Sat 5th arose about 7. W. very mild, spent the day in cleaning, Miss Burgoyne arrived from bear Lake this eve, retired at 10.

Sunday 6th arose about 6 W. very muddy some snow falling attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Elder G.Q. Cannon spoke with great power. Spent the eve at home. Cousins Becca, Elias Mr Noal, and Miss Laker and Mr Cannon called. retired after midnight.

Monday 7th arose about 9. W. very mild and fine, did the weeks washing and other work. Yesterday received a beautyful neckerchief from Sister Burgoyne, composed a little poem in responce; copied and sent it off to day. Received a call from Bro. [Edward] Burgoyne this p.m. he is a very pleasant Gentleman. seemes much attached to little Kate. she being the age and size of a Daughte he has lost. retired after 11.

Tue 8th arose about 7. W. very mild and fine; did housework all day retired about 10.

Wen 9th arose soon after 5. snow fell from 5. to 8. did housework all day day rather fine. at noon called on Sister Willson who is very sick Addie received a letter from St. George. retired at 9.30

Thu 10th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework and repairing, attended a Leap-year Ball in the eve came home about 12. retired after 2.
Friday 11th arose before 8. o'clock W. fine and cold did housework all day; Effie and Ed called in the eve. Addie attended a Ball at the Theatre to night with Cousin Elias Jones, retired about 2. o'clock

Sat 12th arose about 8. W. fine and cold. Addie received a two letters before she arose, one from Cousin Ida. and a City letter. ~~Attenden~~ spent in cleaning attended 14th Ward meeting enjoyed an excellent spirit; came home at 4.30. did a good deal of cleaning composed a poem to Sister Horne. did repairing and othr work, retired about 10.30 Addie received anothr City letter this eve.

Sun 13th arose before 6. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. spent the eve at home Cheer Parry called Msses Burgoyne and Miller came from Mill Creek retired about 10.

Mon 14th arose before 6. W. fine. did the weeks washing and othr work; Mrs B.F. Cummings called, also Bro Chatfield retired about 11.

Tues 15th arose at 5. Addie started to the University yesterday Did housework all day cleaning, ironing and cooking retired at 10.30.

Wen 16th arose before 7. W. clear and cold, did housework all day, Addie attends the theatre to night with Mr. Cannon. to witness the *Green Lanes of England*¹ Mr Tanner, called this eve, recived a postal from Aunt Net Coslet this eve, retired ~~ret~~ about 2. o'clock.

Thu 17th arose about 6.30. W. still very fine and cold. did housework all day retired about 10.

Friday 18th arose before 7. W. fine and cold, did housework all day, accompanied by my Husband and his other Wife attended an old timed reunion held in the Social Hall. Had a grand time Prest's Taylor, Cannon and J.F. Smith were there. there was a delightful influence; broke up at 12.² retired about 2. o'clock.

Sat 19th arose about 8.30. W. fine did housework and repairing retired about 11. Miss Lizzie Kimball called.

Sun 20th arose about 7. W. fine. attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. spent the eve at home guarding the children. Addie, Misses Burgoyne and Miller and Sister Nellie and Cousin Elias Jones accompanied Mr. George M. Cannon to his Sisters Mrs Mina Cannon. retired about 10

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1. *The Green Lanes of England*, a drama in four acts by George Conquest and Henry Pettitt, was first performed in London in 1878.
 2. The Social Hall, dedicated in 1853, "housed musical performances, balls, and receptions as well as theatrical productions." According to a newspaper account, the reunion in the Social Hall was attended by the "First Presidency, several of the Apostles and many prominent Elders," and a happy, "homelike feeling" prevailed. During "a lull in the dancing, President John Taylor made a few timely remarks." EM, 429, 1380; *Deseret Evening News*, January 19, 1884.

Monday 21st arose about 7. W. fine and cold. æH did housework all day. attended a grand birthday party, in the Scocial Hall in honor of Sister E R. Snow eightieth year. retired about 12.

Tue 22nd arose about 7. W. fine. did housework all day. retired about 9.30.

Wen 23rd arose about 6.30. W. fine did the weeks washing and other work. Elias Jones and John Parry called. Addie Miss Burgoyne Miss Miller Nellie and Fance accompanied their Fathr to the Theatre to hear Miss Emily Faithful retired about 11.

Thu 24th arose at 7. W. very fine, did housework all day, did the weeks ~~was~~ ironing and housework; Addie attended a party in the Social Hall with Mr. G.M. Cannon retired about 10.

Fri 25th arose at 5. W. very fine did housework all day, Aunt Barbara called this p.m. Katie attended little Winnie's birthday party, Addie, Fancy and Miss Burgoyne attended the Baptist Church retired about 10.30

Sat 26th arose at 5.30. spent a.m. in cleaning p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting, received good instructions. Came home before dark, attended to home affairs retired before 12. W. cloudy and mild.

Sunday 27th arose soon after 7. W. rather wet attended to home affairs. too tired to attend p.m. meeting, spent the eve, at home guarding the Children, Addie and Mr Cannon, and her Sisters and friends called on Effie, retired after 11.

Mon 28th arose about 6.30 W. mild like spring, did the weeks washing, Aunt Lavnia called, retired about 10.

Tue 29th arose at 6. W. mild and cloudy did housework all day retired about 10.

Wen 30th arose soon after 6 the B.Y. Academy was burnt down on sunday night³ Jan 27th no lives lost. W. fine like spring, did the weeks ironing and housework retired late

Thu 31st be soon after 6. W. fine did a good deal of cleaning, and the days work, my Daughter Effie and Babes spent p.m. with us, Cheer Parry called retired before 11. Fri

February 1884

Fri 1st arose soon after 6. W. like spring, winter clothing almost burdensome, attended to home affairs, Attended Stake Conference, a.m. p.m. and evening. retired about 11. much fatugued.

Sat 2nd arose about 7.30 feeling very tired W. very mild, and cloudy rained

3. The Brigham Young Academy building burned down on January 27, 1884. A new building was later erected. *Deseret Evening News*, January 28, 1884.

some, Attended to home affairs, Bp. J. Crain, and Wife abode with all night, retired about 12.

Sun 3rd arose at 7. W. very mild rained a.m. Attended Stake Conference a.m. had a good time, also p.m. Spent the eve at home Mr. G.M. Cannon spent the eve with us, Miss L. Kimball called. Bp. Crain abode with us to night. retired about 11.

Monday 4th arose at 6.30 W. very mild, did the weeks washing, retired about 10.

Tue 5th arose about 6. W. cold snowed most of the day, attended to home affairs durement the day. Attended a very secelect party in the Social Hall. in the eve by invitation of Prest John Taylor. Had a good time was invited to sing, did so. Prest Taylor sung several times some comic pieces, also spoke very kindly to the people,⁴ retired about midnight.

Wed 6th arose soon after 7. W. cold, snow on the ground attended to home affairs a.m. visited my Block p.m. Mr G.M. Cannon called this a.m. Miss Mamie Miller is sick this eve, have put her through a course of sweating; Addie attends the Music Hall with Mr Cannon to night, retired after 1. oclock

Thu 7th arose about 7. W. cold did housework most of the day, Accompanied by Husband and Daughter paid a visit to Prest. A.M. Cannon. Apostle Erastus Snow was in attendance Came home before 12. re Addie took Mr G.M. Cannon to a Leapyear Ball in the 19th ward this eve, retired about 2. oclock.

Fri 8th arose about 8. W. cold, did housework all day, Miss Miller is able to attend school to day, Addie attended a debate, at the University to night with Mr Cannon did repairing this eve; retired about 10.

Sat 9th arose about 6. W. cold, did housework most of the day, Addie attended 14th Ward meeting retired about 10

Sun 10th arose about 7. W. clear and cold, attended to home affairs a.m. spent p.m. at home attended Ward meeting this eve the speakers were Andrew Jensen [Jenson] and Bros McMaster and Abram. Kimball. Mr G.M. Cannon called gave me a picture of his Father retired about 10

Mon 11th arose soon after 5. W. cold, snow falling most of the day; did the weeks washing, retired about 10.

Tue 12th arose about 7. W. clear and very cold; did housework all day Cousin Becca called called retired about 10

4. This was one of a series of parties held by President John Taylor for the bishops and other authorities of the Salt Lake Stake. The party was attended by church leaders from wards with odd numbers (from the First to Twenty-first) and by the First Presidency of the LDS church. According to a newspaper account, "during a lull in the dancing, President Taylor honored the occasion with a song, 'The Seer,' his own composition." *Deseret Evening News*, February 6, 1884.

Wed 13th arose about 7.30. W. still very cold; door hinges white with frost. Did the weeks ironing and housework. Cousin Becca called. Addie attends a party this eve With Mr G.M. Cannon. W. changed about 12 oclock to night retired about 1. oclock

Thu 14th arose betwn 7 and 8. W. terrable cold did housework all day addie attendd a party this eve with Mr Cannon. Weather changed to night instead of last night, retired about 1. ocloc

Frid 15th arose about 8. W. cloudy and milder, did housework all day. This eve with my husband and his other Wife, attended a grand civic Ball in the Theatre given to the Salt Lake and Wyoming Legislator in honor of the latters visit. it was a dazzing affir.⁵ came home before 12—retired about 1. oclock

Sat 16th arose about 8. W. mild, sewed most of the day, retired about 10.30

Sun 17th arose soon after 7. windy and rather wet, attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. Called on Sister Kimball, Cousin Becca, stayed over night M. Cannon called. We retired about 11. Wind howling

Monday 18th arose about 7. W. very cold, snow falling and wind blowing most of the day, spent the day in washing, Called on Bro Willson, whos Wife and child died last night, retired about 11.

Tue 19th arose about 7. W. cold but fine feel very tired from yesterdays work Attended to home affairs, At 10.30 attended the funeral of my friend and nighbour Sister Jennie Willson [Jane Elizabeth Priday Wilson]. Spent p.m. in cleaning received a letter from my friend Jennie Coslet. Retired about 10.

Wed 20th arose before 7. W. very mild and fine, did housework, and sewing My little George is ten, years old to day may God preserve him in the path of truth and virtue and may he be useful in the Kingdom of God retired about 10.

Thu 21st arose at 5.30. read for one hour did housework and sewing in company with my Husband attended High Council meeting, to hear the remarks of prest Taylor after the investegation of the charges made against Mrs Dr furgeson [Ellen B. Ferguson]. who came off more than conqueror.⁶ Addie attends the opera House to night with Mr G.M. Cannon retired about 11.

5. A "grand civic ball" was given in the Salt Lake Theatre for the Wyoming legislators visiting Utah Territory on February 15, 1884. The theatre "was elegantly decorated, the Stars and Stripes being conspicuously displayed in various parts. At the north end of the hall, just over the refreshment buffet, a large scroll appeared, on which was written in mammoth letters, 'Utah Welcomes Wyoming.'" *Deseret Evening News*, February 16, 1886.

6. Dr. Ellen B. Ferguson (1844–1920) was one of the pioneering women physicians in Utah. She went to New York in 1880 to study medicine and on her return helped start the Deseret Hospital. In 1886, she traveled with others to Washington, D.C., to present a memorial to Congress from the women of the LDS church protesting the Edmunds-Tucker law.

Friday 22nd arose at 6.30. W. mild like spring, read for one hour, did the weeks ironing, rested some p.m. did writing this eve. This being a holiday, M Addie and Miss Burgoyne went out for a carriage ride, ~~retired after~~

~~12~~ Addie accompanied Mr Cannon to the Opera House, retired after 12
Saturday 23rd arose at 6.30. W. fine like spring wrote to Aunt Net Cosslett. copied a poem. did a good deal of cleaning and other housework, Attended the 14th Ward meeting Came home about 6. attended to home affairs, retired about 11.

Sun 24th arose about 7. W. fine. like spring did housework till 2. p.m. Called on Sister Morgan who is very ill; attended evening meeting, the speakers were John Midgley and Milando Pratt, came home about 9. had a very pleasant convers with Mr G.M. Cannon on religious subjects. retired about 11.

Monday 25th arose about 6. W. fine like spring, did the weeks washing, retired before 12.

Tue 26th arose about 6.30 snow falling fast. fine p.m. did housework all day. Addie received a very beautiful present this p.m. it consisted of a beautiful dressing case, with her name engraven on a plate in gold. Attended a lecture this eve given by Bro Savage retired about 11.

Wednesday 27th arose soon after 6. W. lovely. did housework most of the day Attended the funeral of Bro H. C. [Henry Charles] Fowler. Addie attends a ball in the Theatre this eve with Mr Cannon retired about 11.

Thu 28th arose soon after 7. did housework all day, W. fine like spring, Effie and babes spent p.m. with us. had a busy but pleasant time, retired before 11.

Fri 29th arose about 6.30 W. fine, did housework a.m. was obliged to rest p.m. did repairing in the eve. retired about 12

March 1884

Sat 1st arose about 7. W. fine. Am obliged to keep quiet to day, spent it in repairing retired about 11.

Sunday 2nd arose before 6. W. mild like spring spent the day at home still keeping quiet, helped with housework, read, and copied part of a poem, Cousin Becca called, Also Mr Cannon, James Bawldwin was buried to day, Retired about 9.

Monday 3rd arose about 4.30. W. fine, superintended the weeks washing, feel better. Addie attended S.S. Union with Mr Cannon, retired about 11. or ten.

Tue 4th arose about 4.30. W. wet attended to home affairs all day, retired about 10.30. Lizzie Kimball Rob [Robert Alvin] Ure accompanied Addie home dreadful rain thunder and lightning after retiring

Wen 5th arose soon after 4. W. dull and cloudy and damp, did housework all day. Miss Kimball and Mr Cannon called to day instead of yesterday retired about 10

Thursday 6th arose soon after 4. read till about 6. W. rather wet, attended to home affairs wrote a note to Sister Morgan who is still very sick. Did repairing in the eve; pouring rain lighting and thunder to night retired about 10.

Fri 7th arose soon after 4. W. cold, snowing all day. Did housework all day, attended to takeing up carpet, Miss Burgoyne accompanied Miss Miller home to spend sunday. Addie accompanied Mr Cannon to the debate this eve. retired about 10.

Sat 8th arose about 6. W. damp and cloudy did housework and sewing, retired before 11.

Sun 9th arose before 7. W. mild and windy attended to home affairs shall be glad when I can walk to meeting spend the eve pleasantly with the Childre Mr Cannon called also Elias Jones retired about 9.

Mon 10th arose about 6. W. cold and snowing all day, suprintend the weeks washing retired about 9.

Tue 11th arose about 6.30. W. fine did housework and ironing, retired about 10. begin to more as we used to,

Wed 12th arose at 6.30. did housework all day. Mrs Harrison also my Neice Mrs ~~Brigdes~~ Ridges called W. fine, snowed this eve, retired about 12.

Thu 13th arose at 6.35 fresh snow on the ground, did housework all day, Addie attended the Theatre this eve, with Mr Cannon. witnessed The Golden Hoop.⁷ Addie received two important letters this eve. I retired after 1. oclock.

Friday 14th arose before 7. W. fine did housework all day, Addie attended a debate with Mr Cannon. Retired about 12.

Sat 15th arose about 7. W. damp and very mild spent the day in cleaning. Missess Mollie Lund and Jophene Snow called. Did repairing in the eve, retired before 12

Sunday 16th arose soon after 6. W. fine attended to home affas all day. Sister Grey called retired about 11.

Mon 17th arose at 6. W. fine, did the weeks washing. Sister Grey called feel very thankful that I am able to work as usual. retired before ten.

Tue 18th arose at 6. feel the effects of yesterdays work, W. lovely did housework and the weeks ironing, retired about 11.

Wed 19th arose about 6. cooked pictnic at 10.30. attended a surprize party on Dr. Furgeson who is wadeing through deep water; had a very plasant time, my Husband accompanied me came home before dark, called on Sister morgan, Addie accompanied Mr Cannon to witness a panarama

7. *Hoop of Gold*, a melodrama, was performed by the Maubury and Overton Company in the Salt Lake Theatre.

retired about 10.

Thursday 20th arose about 5. it has been snowing ever since yesterday morning it lies a foot deep, did housework and repairing; Dr Furgeson called; retired about 11.

Fri 21st arose before 4. have had a very unpleasant dream; there was a Wolf lurking around, would get little Kate or Josey if he could. Did housework and repairing; attended R.S. Society Conference I retired about 11. W. fine

Sat 22nd arose at 5. W. fine did cleaning most of the day, some repairing retired about 10.

Sun 23rd arose about 6. W. lovely, attended to home affairs a.m. attended Assembly Hall p.m. the speakers were Apostle B. Young and Elder John Morgan. attended Ward meeting in the eve, the speakers were John White and J.P. Freeze, Elias Jone, John Parry, M. Noal, G.M. Cannon and Miss Libbie Liker spent the eve with us. retired before 12.

Mon 24th arose about 6. W. fine did the weeks washing attended Salt Lake Music Hall in the eve witnessed Ten Nights in a Bar Room.⁸ retired about 12.

Tue 25th arose soon after 6. feel sadly tired from yesterday work, W. fine, did housework all day, retired about 10.

Wed 26th arose before 5. did the weeks ironing and housework retired about 10

Thu 27th arose about 6. W. fine as also yesterday did housework and sewing a.m. washed bedding p.m. attended a leap-year ball in the eve retired before 1. o'clock.

Sixth Day Book
Sixth day book of M. Lois Morris
March 29th 1884 To July 23rd 1885.

[March 1884]

Sat 29th Fri 28th arose about 6.30. W. fine did housework all day, Addie attended a ball with Mr. Cannon. retired before 12.

Sat 29th arose before 7. W. mostly fine big hailstorm at 2. p.m. did housework and transacted business up town. Did repairing in the eve retired about 11.

8. *Ten Nights in a Barroom*, a prohibitionist drama by William W. Pratt, was second in popularity only to *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in rural areas in nineteenth-century America. In the play, Joe Morgan, the village drunkard, is encouraged to drink by Simon Slade, the owner of the village saloon. In a barroom fight, his young daughter Mary "is accidentally struck by a glass thrown at her father. The shock helps Morgan reform. Slade is killed by his own son, and the village votes to close the saloon." Bordman, *Oxford Companion*, 607.

Sun 30th arose about 6. W. lovely, attended to home affairs a.m. spent p.m. at home guarding the children, attend Ward meeting in the eve; Elder Samuel W. [Whitney] Richards spoke beautifully. read to the children about General Thomas L. [Leiper] Kane. a true and able friend of the Latterday Saints.⁹ retired about 9.30.

Mon 31st arose before 4. W. drizzly, did repairing and the weeks washing retired about 10. ~~Tue~~

April 1884

Tue 1st arose about 5. W. lovely spent the day in cleaning, attended the Patti Concert to night.¹⁰ Bro and Sister Burgoyne and Miss Martha arrived this a.m. Martha stayed with Jennie to night retired before 1.

wed 2nd arose about 7.30. W. fine visited the Block Sister Laker called this p.m. retired after 12.

Thu 3rd arose about 6.30 W. lovely, attended Fast meeting a.m. had a good time, attended to home affairs p.m. Bro and Sister Burgoyne, Sister Reece and Bro Robrts, Master Reece and Martha Burgoyne and Becca Jones dined with us. Aunt Sarah and Bro Heiner and Isaac Morris abode with us ~~last ni~~ to night retired soon after 9.

Fri 4th arose soon after 5. W. lovely, did the weeks ironing, attended Con— a.m. attended to home affairs p.m. Cousin Lizzie Rolins abode with us to night Isaac was sick all night retired about 11.

Sat 5th arose after 7. W. lovely, Isaac better. he and his Sister Lizzie went home this p.m. Bro Rolins abode with us to night Addie accompined Mr. Cannon to his Sisters Mina's. his Father Prest A.M. Cannon and his Unccl G.Q.Cannon were in attendance retired about 1. oclock

Sun 6th arose about 8. W. fine attended Con all day.¹¹ Sisters Burgoys and Rogers Sister [Fannie Hemming] Toomer and family My Sister and Son and Gradaughter supped with us; My Sister and children abode with us to night retired before 2.

Mon 7th arose about 7.30. W. fine did housework all day Bro Pew called

9. Thomas Leiper Kane (1822–1883), the son of Judge John K. Kane and Jane Duval Leiper, was a major general in the Civil War and a prominent non-Mormon friend of the LDS church. In 1846 he used his political connections to help gain the military contract for the Mormon Battalion, which provided much-needed financial resources for the journey west. Again in 1857, during the Utah War, Kane helped broker a peaceful settlement between federal troops and Mormon inhabitants of Utah. Arrington, *Mormon Experience*, 98–99, 168; TCBD, 6:K.

10. Hicks, *Mormonism and Music*, 100–101.

11. According to Mary Lois's memoir on Sunday, April 6, 1884, the last day of the April General Conference, George M. Cannon "had the promise that Addie would be his wife." Memoir 192; p. 188.

this a.m. and p.m. Aunt Sarah and husband went home to day. Attended Stephens Concert to night it was delightful.¹² Miss Martha Burgoyne abode with us last night haveing one dozen persons with us besides our own family, Retired about 1.

Tue 8th arose about 6. W. fine did housework; At 10. a.m. went with Sister Tomer and her little crippled son¹³ to the Deseret Hospital.¹⁴ stayed until after three oclock. Attended to home affairs Mr Cannon called, answered an important question retired about 1. oclock

Wed 9th arose before 5. W. quite warm. did housework all day Mrs Toomer and children went home this p.m. left little Willie [William Toomer] with me. retired before 10.

Thu 10th arose before 6. W. fine, but changeable, did a large washing and other work; retired about 10.

Fri 11th arose about 5.30. W. fine but changeable, did housework and a large ironing; retired about 12.

Sat 12th arose about 5.30. W. fine a.m. rained p.m. did housework, and made a shirt. retired about 10.30.

Sun 13th arose at 6. rain and snow dureing the night, attended to home affairs a.m. stayed at home p.m. guarding little Willie Toomer. His Mother arrived from Weber to night. Bro Pugh spent the eve also Elias Jones and Mr Cannon. W. fine retired at 11.

Mon 14th arose soon after 5. rain and snow during the night. W. changeable, did washing and housework, retired about 10.

Tue 15th arose about 5. W. fine, did housework and ironing, transacted business up town, called on Sister Ball whos Babe died to day, also called on Cosin Wm C. Morris, who is very sick, retired about 10.

Wed 16th arose at 5. W. wet, did housework and repairing, Addie attends the Theatre to night to witness (Adolples Pop.¹⁵ with Mr Cannon. retired about 10.30.

12. About five thousand people were reported to have been in the audience of this amateur concert arranged by Evan Stephens and held at the Salt Lake Tabernacle. Over four hundred people, including many of Stephens's students, sang in the performance. *Deseret Evening News*, April 8, 1884.

13. Fannie Hemming Toomer (1852–1928) was the widow of John Toomer, who died in 1880. Her crippled son, William (Willie) Toomer (1872–1891), is mentioned in later diary entries.

14. Deseret Hospital was founded in 1882 by the Relief Society, with Relief Society officers serving as the hospital's Board of Management. During its thirteen-year existence, the hospital functioned as a women's medical and nursing school and as a hospital specializing in obstetrics. Arrington, "The Economic Role of Pioneer Mormon Women," 162–63; Richards, *Of Medicine, Hospitals, and Doctors*, 232–34.

15. The play *Pop!; or, The Fortunes of a Dramatic Author*, performed at the Salt Lake Theatre, was described as a "Comedy, Burlesque, Farce, Extravaganza, Opera Bouffe, all rolled into one." *Deseret Evening News*, April 16, 1884.

Thu 17th arose soon after 5. W. fine a.m. wet p.m. did housework all day, my Husband and his other Wife and little daughter left with the Presidents party this p.m. Addie attends a ball this eve with Mr Cannon. retired soon after 10.

Fri 18th arose soon after 5. W. fine a.m. rained p.m. Sister Binder called. also Bro Pugh and Sister Rupp. did sewing most of the day retired before 12.

Sat 19th arose at 6 W. lovely did housework and a good deal of repairing, attendd 14th Ward meeting, retired about 11.

Sun 20th arose at 6. W. delightful, attended to home affairs a.m. attended the Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were Joseph H. Felt, Brigham Young and C.W. Penrose, had a good time, attended Ward meeting in the eve, had another good time, retired before 10.

Mon 21st arose about 4.20. W. fine a.m. rained p.m. Did a large washing and some repairing; Aunt Barbara called retired about 9.

Tue 22nd arose about 5. W. fine did a large ironing and some sewing, rain in the eve retired at 11.

Wed 23rd arose about 5. W. fine did housework a.m. spent p.m. with my Daughter Effie had a pleasant time, came home before dark. ~~hus~~ called on Mrs Alice Eccls retired after 10.

Thu 24th arose before 5. W. fine wind and rain this eve, did sewing and housework. retired about 10

Fri 25th arose before 5. rain and sprinkling of snow, fine day, did housework and repairing, retired about 10.

Sat 26th arose about 5. W. fine, did housework and repairing. retired about 10.

Sunday 27th arose before 6. W. wet and changeable attended to home affairs a.m. spent p.m. in reading and writeing, attended ward meeting in the eve, Mr Cannon and Johnnie Parry called, held an important conversation with the former, retired at 11.

Mon 28th arose at 5.30. W. wet, did the weeks washing, received a letter from my Husband, retired before 10.

Tue 29th arose about 6. W. damp at 10. am took little Kate to be baptized but did not accmplish it. transacted business in town, Dr. Furgeson kindly brought me home in her buggy. did housework p.m. retired about 11.

Wed 30th arose about 5.40. rain falling fast, day fine but cloudy, did the weeks ironing, and other work, Addie attends the Music Hall to night with Mr Cannon to witness (Uncle Tom's Cabin¹⁶ retired about 11.

16. George L. Aiken's dramatization (1853) of Harriet Beecher Stowe's famous 1852 antislavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin; or, Life among the Lowly* was the most "popular theatre work of its era" and "played a major role, along with the original novel, in stoking the fires of abolition." Versions of the play toured the U.S. for decades. Bordman, *Oxford Companion*, 632.

May 1884

Thur 1st arose about 5. W. fine at 10. a.m. attended Fast meeting, had a good time; attended to home affairs p.m. Addie attends a May party in the Music Hall to night with Mr Cannon retired after 10.

Fri 2nd arose at 5.30 W. lovely recived a call from Sister Desdimony [Desdemona Wadsworth] Fullmer Smith. who made Temple clothing under the eye of the Prophet Joseph, At 11. attended Stake Conference Apostle Teasdale spoke excelently. spent noon hour with Sister Howard. p.m. Apostles B. Young, J.F. Smith and W. Woodruff spoke grandly. called on Bro Gill. as a new comer. came home at 5.30. attended to home affairs, retired before 9.

Sat 3rd arose before 5. a.m. fine. At 9.30. the Prest party arrived from the south, my Husband being in company. Attended Conference part of a.m. and p.m. attended to home affairs in the eve, retired about 11.

Sun 4th arose about 5.30. hail thunder and lighting and dreadful rain last night rain and snow and cold wather a.m. attended Conference all day. Elders Woodruff, Edington and [blank] spoke ~~am~~ a.m. p.m. Prest Taylor spoke with great power, Mr. Cannon Cheer Parry and Elias Jones called, retired before 9.

Mon 5th arose at 5.25. W. cloudy did the weeks washing retired about 11

Tue 6th arose about 6. sadly tired from yesterdays work, W. fine, did the weeks ironing and other work. in the eve attended the Young Peoples Mutuial, retired about 11.

Wend 7th arose before 5. W. lovely did housework all day, Mrs Tumer called little Willie no better, Mr Cannon. Mrs Saley and daughter called. retired about 10.

Thu 8th arose soon after 5. W. lovely did housework and sewing; little beatrice Ridges Clara Eldrige called retired about 10.

Fri 9th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework and sewing; Addie accompanied Mr Cannon to the debate in the eve;¹⁷ retired after 1.

Sat 10th arose at 5.30. W. lovely, did housework and sewing. Miss Fotheringham called this a.m. Bro A.M. Cannon this eve. Addie accompnies Mr G.M. Cannon. to see the little World to night.¹⁸ Retired about 11.

Sun 11th arose at 5. W. quite warm, attended to home affairs a.m.

17. Around this time, several debates took place in Ogden between Rev. Hartley, a Baptist minister, and Ben E. Rich, a member of the LDS church. The debate on May 9, 1884, that Addie and George seem to have attended discussed the necessity of baptism by immersion for salvation. *Deseret Evening News*, May 10, 1884.

18. The Little World, a traveling exhibition, was advertised as a mechanical model of the world. It was invented by Mr. Robertson and exhibited in Salt Lake City at 48 Main Street. *Deseret Evening News*, May 10, 1884.

attended the Tabernacle p.m. Elder C.W. Staines and O.F. Whitney spoke excellently. Nephi accompanied his father to Big Cottonwood. Mr. Cannon called retired about 9.

Mon 12th arose about 5. W. fine did housework and sewing, recived an invitation to accompany my Husband to Logan to attend the dedication of the Temple. wrote to my friend Mrs Margret Williams retired about 10. *Tue 13th* arose about 5. W. fine, did washing all day, retired before 1.

Wed 14th arose about 5. W. fine did washing a.m. attended to home affairs p.m. Mr Bently arrived from St George this eve, he sang beautifully for us and Addie sang for him he spends the eve with Addie, retired after 12. this is my forty ninth birthday may God help me to be faithful.

Thur 15th arose soon after 5. high wind last night and rain. W. fine to day; cloudy cool this eve, Mr Bently and Mr Cannon, Joined our circul Mr Bently delighted us with his singing, and Fancy with her playing, Addie added to our plasure in singing, retired before 1.

Fri 16th arose before 5. W. rather cold and cloudy at 7.30 started for Logan about 2 p.m. attended meeting; Apostles John Taylor, and G.Q. Cannon spoke excellently. met many old friends, amongst whom was a Sister Savage whom I had met for more than Thirty years. She told me of a prophecy utered by my father some forty years ago. now being fullfild, retired about 11.

Sat 16 17th arose about 6. W. fine. road up from Hyrum. City¹⁹ to Logan with Bro Andrew Alan and family at 10. a.m. attended the Dedication of the Temple it is a beutiful structur, prue and white. Came home from the Temple alone, found Bro Evan Owens who took me to my stopng place, felt sadly tired and sick from cold, reached about 2. p.m. Rested till eve. At night accompanied Sister Burgoye to a concert given by the Logan Choir had a good time retired about midnight.

Sun 18th arose after 7. W. fine attended meeting a.m. Went to the Depot at noon, attended meeting p.m. In the eve Bro and Sister Driver called had a pleasant chat; Before 10. went to the Depot to see parties off for the North, retired about 12.

Mon 19th arose about 7. W. lovely, set out to call on some friends met Bro A.M. Cannon, who after cordial greeting very kindly gave me a ticket to visit the Temple a second time, called on my Dear friend Sister B.F. Cummings. Jr who accompnied me to the Temple, reached in time for service had a plasant time, Bro Cummings awaited us; took us home safely; spent p.m. very pleasantly with them, took a walk with Sister Cummings in the eve. Accompanied Sister Burgoyne and Reece to the Opera House. retired about midnight.

19. Hyrum, Utah, is eight miles south of Logan. The city was named after Hyrum Smith, the brother of Joseph Smith. Van Cott, *Utah Place Names*, 196.

Tue 20th arose about 7. W. fine. helped with the housework, packed up for home, called on Sister Ellen Reece. About 1. p.m. accompanied Sisters Burgoyne and Reece to the Depot; dined with them at the Hotel as their guest, met Miss Burgoyne who had arrived from S.L. City saw her start for the north. About 4. p.m. we crowded onto a pulman sleeper, had a very pleasant chat with my old friend Sister Ellen Lunt. After starting for Ogden Sister M.T. Horne came and expressed her apreation of a poem I had writen and had appeared in the Exponent had a pleasant call from other friends while on the cars. reached home about 10.30. found all well, retired about 12.

Wed 21st arose about 6. W. fine did housework most of the day Addie and Miss Miller called on Mrs Toomer at the (Deseret Hospital) found little Willie failing fast. Messers Cannon. and Bently called to see Addie this eve; retired about 10.

Thu 22nd arose before 6. W. cloudy did housework all day Addie accompanied Mr Bently to see Miss Wooley this eve retired about 10.

Fri 23rd arose at 5. W. fine did a large ironing and other work, Addie attendes a debate this eve with Messers Cannon and Bently retired about 12.

Sat 24th arose before 6. W. lovely. did housework all day, Addie spends the eve on the pourch playing her guitar and singing, her father listening; 19. years ago to day my Husband started on a mission to Europe. May his footsteps ever follow Christ. many changes have taken place scince then. Thank God we have kept the faith may he help us to continue is my prayer. retired about 10.30

Sunday 25th arose at 5.30. W. fine. Attended to home a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Apostle G.Q. Cannon spoke excelently. Spent the eve at home. Messers Cannon and Bently spent the eve with us; retired about 10.30.

Mon 26th arose soon after 5. W. fine a.m. pouring rain p.m. did housework all day, at 11. a.m. Mr Bently called, stayed untill 2. p.m. We shall not see his happy face so often in future as in the past. I hope all is for the best, and that the will of God is doen. Yesterday Addie received a very delicate and beautiful present from Mr Cannon, she visits his Mother this eve. Retired about 10.30.

Tue 27th arose about 6. W. cloudy rained some ~~some~~ did housework most of the day, at 3. p.m. attended the funeral of Mother Ruth Eldredg, came home at 5.30. attended to home affairs Addie attends the Theater this eve with Mr Cannon to witness (Hearts of Oak)²⁰ retired about 10.

Wed 28th arose about 5. wet a.m. fine p.m. did houswork all day Mr

20. *Hearts of Oak*, a comedy, starred James A. Horne and Katharine Corcoran and was performed at the Salt Lake Theatre.

Bently called p.m. sang a few songs and departed; Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the last Debate of the season, held at the University, this eve retired about 10.

Thu 29th arose about 5⁰⁰ 6. Wet a.m. fine p.m. did housework and the weeks ironing Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to Calders Gardens. this p.m. also to a concert this eve. retired at 11. Miss Miller has gone home to day. University term being ended.

Fri 30th arose at 6.30 a.m. wet p.m. fine did housework a.m. read and wrote p.m. copied a poem composed last november no company to night for a wonder; Spent the day quietly at home, being Decoration Day there are is much amusement going on in and out of town, retired at 12.

Sat 31st arose before 7

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Sun 1st arose about 6. day fine, At 6. p.m. thunder lightning and pouring rain. Attended to home affairs a.m. attended the Tabernacle p.m. Mr Cannon spent the afternoon with Addie. supped and attended evening meeting with us. the speakers at the Tabernacle wer Elders Wm Willis. and T.B. Lewis at the Ward meeting Hugh Watson and A. Miner. retired before 10.

[*In left margin:* *Mon 2nd* arose about 5. W. fine, did housework all day Mr Bently called retired about 10.]

Tue 3rd arose at 5.30. W. fine, made another attempt to have little Kate baptized, but failed. did housework most of the day. In the eve had ice cream and cherrie supper, gotten up in honor of Mr Bently departure. Messrs Bently and Cannon, Misess Lizzie Kimball and Nellie Morris were in attendance retired about 12. Sisters Foster and Parker called.

Wed 4th arose about 6. W. dull visited my Block reached home about 7. After reaching home visited a family of new comers by the of Donavan. Pouring rain fell while we were there. retired about 10.

Thu 5th arose before 6. W. warm attended Fast meeting a.m. Committee p.m. Viewed the art gallery of Utah talent.²¹ Called on Bp Pollard also upon Effie, reached home after 9. retired about 10.

Fri 6th arose about 5. W. fine. Did housework most of the day. Dr Hughes and Sister Shuther called; bringing Sister Toomer and infant and cripled son. who is as pale as a corpes almost as thin as a skeleton. retired about 11.

21. The Art Exhibition in Calder's Gallery contained art work by a number of Utah artists, including portraits by Lorus Pratt, a sculpture by Dallin, and paintings by G. M. Ottinger, William C. Morris, John Tullidge, W. Armitage, and others. *Deseret Evening News*, May 29, 1884.

Saturday 7th arose soon after 5. W. lovely, did housework and sewing Dr Furgeson called had a pleasant interview with her, retired at 11.

Sun 8th arose soon after 5. day fine, attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elder C. W. Penrose spoke with great clearness and power. Called on Sisters Kimball and Griggs. Was invited to call on Sister Donovan. Spent the eve at home though desired to attend Ward meeting Miss Kate Bowring called; read for the children from the Juvenile Instructor. retired about 10.

Mon 9th arose before 5. W. fine. did housework and a large washing Bro Phue and Andrews this a.m. Bro Pugh and Mr Cannon called this eve, Addie reached home this eve, went out to Aunt Aggies yesterday at noon. we retired after 11.

Tue 10th arose before 7. Dr Simons of Payson. called talked about some very strange thing about healing. p.m. Did ironing and other work, Bro Pugh called this eve. retired about 11.

Wed 11 arose about 6. fine a.m. Spent p.m. at Liberty Park, with the Pratt Family, Dined at Prest Taylor's table rained some p.m. had a good time. Came home before dark. Mr Bently called retired about 11.

Thu 12th arose about 6. W. warm. did housework and sewing Dr Simons called. Sister Toomer and little crippled boy and infant left on the p.m. train for Payson. Mr Bently called to bid us a hasty good by. He also leaves on the p.m. train; may peace and prosperity attend his footsteps. Addie attends the Theatre this eve with Mr Cannon to see Mrs [Lillie] Langtry. retired after 1. o'clock.

Fri 13th arose about 7. W. fine a.m. wind and dust p.m. did sewing p.m. most of the day, retired about 10.

Sat 14th arose soon after 5. W. fine morn and eve chilly; spent a.m. in cleaning, p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting had a glorious time, the spirit of Testimony resting upon us, Sister Dye spoke in tongues beautifully. Spent the eve doing house work and repairing Addie with Mr Cannon Joined a party at liberty Park. retired about 10.

Sun 15th arose at 4.40. W. lovely attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Elders J.H. Felt and J.F. Smith spoke Mr Cannon spent p.m. with us spent the eve at home, at home being much fatigued retired about 10.

Mon 16th arose about 5. W. lovely did housework most of the day began to cut carpet rags. Addie accompanied Mr Cannon to the theatre; retired about 11.

Tue 17th arose about 5.30. W. fine cut carpet rags most of the day; retired about 10.

Wed 18th arose about 5. W. quite warm, did housework all day, retired about 10

Thu 19th arose soon after 5. W. warm did housework all day. Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the wedding of his Cousin Miss Wilamina Foxgrove

[Wilhelmina Crossgrove]. to Mr Jasper Conrad held at the house of Prest. A.M. Cannon. retired about 11.

Fri 20th arose about 6. W. quite warm, did housework all day retired about 11.

Sat 21st arose about 5. W. warm did housework and repairing. retired about 10.

Sun 22nd arose at 4.30. W. very warm. attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. we were addressed by Apostles B. Young and G.Q. Cannon. In the eve attended the reopening of our meeting House, which has been beautifully decorated. by our Nephew Wm. C. Morris who is now styled the Prince of painters. retired about 10.30.

Mon 23rd arose about 4. W. warm did housework all day, in the eve attended a carpet bee in the new house of my Daughter Effie. had a pleasant time, retired after midnight.

Tue 24th arose before 7. W. warm, cut carpet rags most of the day Sisters Donavhan and Waterfall assisting. Addie takes an evening drive with Mr Cannon. retired at 10.

Wed 25th arose before 5. W. quite warm did housework and cut carpet rags Mr Cannon called this eve; his Cousin John Q. [Quayle] Cannon and Wife arrived from his European mission, yesterday. retired about 11.

Thu 26th arose about 5. W. warm did housework and cut carpet rags. Addie accompanied Mr Cannon to Lake Point. Finished copying my Historic Sketch on Joseph the Prophet and the book of Mormon. retired before 12.

Friday 27th arose soon after 5. W. hot did housework and cut carpet rags, a.m. attended Society Conference p.m. had a very satisfactory chat with my old shipmate Bro James Needham. came home about 6. retired about 10.

Sat 28th arose early, W. hot, spent the day in cleaning, retired about 9.

Sun 29th arose before 4. read until 6. a.m. very cool before sunrise, day hot did housework a.m. went to Tabernacle p.m. Elders John Q. Cannon and Woodruff well. Prest Taylor spoke spoke gloriously spent the eve at home guarding the Children retired about 10.

Monday 30th arose before 5. was awoke about 1. oclock by Nephi crying with toothache beging to be anointed complied with his request; he slept quietly the rest of the night. Feel thankful to God for the faith we have, and the blessings of his Gospel. W. hot did housework all day, some washing Mr Cannon called retired about 11.

July 1884

Tue 1st arose early W. hot. At 10. a.m. took little Kate to baptized; the ordainence was performed by Elder John Cottom. Attended to home

affairs p.m. Addie accompanies Mr Cannon. to Miss Olesons benefit Concert retired about 11.

Wed 2nd arose soon after 5. W. hot did housework all day, retired about 12. Willie and Kate Bowring and Mr Camball call

Thu 3rd arose about 6. W. very warm. Attended fast meeting, little Kate was this day confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latterday Saints by Counciler N.V.Jones. This eve we had the pleasure of entertaining Prest A.M. Cannon his Wives Sarah M and Amanda and daughters Annie [Ann Mousley Cannon], Nora [Leonora Mousley Cannon], and Mary [Mousley Cannon] and son George M. bp David [Henry] Cannon and daughter amanda [Mousley Cannon] spent a very plasant eve, retired about 12.

Friday 4th arose before 4. W. fine spent the day at home attending to home affairs. Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the Cannon reunion at Forest Farm. Sister Donavan called this eve also Mr Cannon. retired about 11.

Sat 5th arose about 6. W. hot. worked all day in the kitchen, retired about 10.

Sun 6th arose at 5.30. W. sultry windy and dusty, attended the funeral of Prest D.O. Calder Who died on the 3rd inst. the speakers were Bp Atwood Prest's A.M. and G.Q. Cannon At 4.45 attended the funeral of Sister [Jemima Nightingale] Davis had an intresting time Mr Cannon spent p.m. and eve with us, Addie recived two letters, retired about 11.

Mon 7th arose after 4. W. cooler, did housework and washing Elias Jones called, also Effie and babes; Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the S.S. Union. Received wedding cake from Sister Atty, whos adopted Daughter was married on the 19th of June 1884. Retired about 10.

Tue 8th arose at 4 5.15 W. cooler, did washing and other work a.m. cut capet rags p.m. Mr Cannon called this a.m. retired about 10.

Wed 9th arose before 5. W. cooler, cut 14 pounds of carpet rags and colored 10 pounds, and did other work. Dr Furgeson, Cousins Lidia Morris and Mr Cannon called retired about 11.

Thu 10th arose at 5. W. very hot, ~~feel sick from yesterdays~~ had a carpet bee, retired about 10.

Fri 11th arose before 7. feel sick from yesterdays exertion. This p.m. Miss Alice Worthim and her Mother called of St. Gerge. This eve Messrs G.M. John [Mousley Cannon] and Lewis [Mousley] Cannon. Mr L.M. Snow Misess Camilla Mason Alice Worthin and Miss Delinn honored us with their company, retired about 12.

Sat 12th arose soon after 5. W. hot, smart shower soon after one oclock, spent the day in cleaning, retired about 10.

Sun 13th arose soon after 5. W. hot spent a.m. attended to home affairs our old friend Bro Eliazer Edwards called yesterday. Attended the Tabernacle p.m. Mr Cannon spent p.m. and eve with us, Aunt Barbara and Willie

Bowring called, retired about 10. called on Bro Walter Lewis.

Mon 14th arose before 5. W. warm, did housework all day went up town in the eve, retired about 11.

Tue 15th arose soon after 5. W. hot windy and dusty, Transacted business in town; attended the funeral of Sister Tom. p.m. Rain began to fall about 4. p.m. more rain, about 7. Addie accompanys Cannon to the Lake this eve, he and his Sister Annie and Mr Ross, call this eve retire about 10.

Wed 16th arose about 5.30. W. chilly, did housework all day retired about 11.

Thu 17th arose about 7. W. lovely, did the days work and a large ironing retired late,

Fri 18th arose at 6. W. warm. Mrs Toomer and children arrived from Payson last eve, Willie is better. Did housework all day Missess Lill Barlow and Lizzie Kimball called this eve, Addie has been sick all day but is better this eve she and Mr Cannon call on Miss Fenton this eve, retired about 11.

Sat 19th arose about 5.30. W. warm, nights cool and delightful, did housework all day repairing in the eve, Mr Cannon and Mr Wm Ross. spent the eve with us, in very peasant conversation, retired about 10.

Sun 20th arose at 5.30. W. fine, atten to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were Bp. Whitney and Elder J.H. Nickolson. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Mr Ashton p.m. Mr Cannon spent p.m. with us, retired about 10.

Mon 21st arose about 6. W. fine, did housework and washing, transacted business in town, retired about 11. My Sister stayed over night with us

Tue 22nd arose about 5.30. W. cool my Sister and daughters Mrs Ridges and Mrs Eldredg and children, and my Daughter Effie visited us, had a very pleasant time, Mr Cannon called, retired about 10.

Wed 23rd arose about 6. W. cool, did housework and ironing, Addie accompanys Mr Cannon and his brothers and Sister Annie and cousin Mammie to the Big Cottonwood canon a fishing and hunting trip. Elders Rudy and Jones visited us as teachers this eve, retired about 11.

Thu 24th arose before 5. W. very warm, spent the day quietly at home; Addie reached home about sundown, accompanys Mr Cannon to the Theatre, retired about 10

Fri 25th arose before 6. W. hot. did housework and reairing; retired about 11.

Sat 26th arose before 5. W. fine. did housework and attended 14th Meeting, a good spirit prevailed. ~~retired about 10.~~ Sister toomer and children went home on the p.m. train retired about 9.

Sun 27th arose before 5. W. fine, attended to home affairs a.m. attended the Tabernacle p.m. our Delegate John T. Caine spoke excelently Elder C.W. Penrose also spok and great ability, spent the eve at home guarding the children, retired about 9.

Mon 28th arose before 5. W. warm, did housework and repairing, called on Effie at night. viewed their beautiful new house, retired at 11.

Tue 29th arose soon after 5. W. hot, did the weeks washing was taken sick after supper, Missess Fenton spent the eve with Addie. retired about 9.

Wed 30th arose before 8. feel better did housework all day; Miss Annie Wryd spent most of the day with us, Katie visits Miss Nora Cannon, this eve retired before 10.

Thu 31st arose soon after 5. W. quite warm did housework and sewing, retired about 10.

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Friday Aug 1st 1884 arose soon after 5. W. warm, did housework and sewing, Addie and the Children go out to Lake this eve, Miss Mammie Miller called this p.m. also Miss Worthin. This a.m. at 4 oclock Wm W. [William Whittaker] Taylor died. And yesterday Bp L.W. Hardy died. Retired about 11.

Sat 2nd arose soon after 5. W. hot, did housework most of the day; attended Conference p.m. also transacted business in town, retired about 11.

Sun 3rd arose about 6. W. hot, at 10. attended the funeral of Bp. Hardy, and Bro Wm. W. Taylor the speakers wer Elders W. Woodruff, R.T. Burton, Jacob Gates, A.M.Cannon, G.Q. Cannon and Prest Taylor. Attended Conference p.m. spent the eve at home guarding the Children, Mr Cannon spent p.m. and eve with us, retired before 12.

Mon 4th arose soon after 5. W. hot did housework a.m. visited my Block p.m. also called on Mrs Jessie Jones and my Daughter Effie retired about 12.

Tue 5th arose at 5. W. hot, did housework all day; had a lovely moonlight drive to the brick yard, had a pleasant chat with Aunt Barbara. Mr Cannon called, Addie sang and played her guitar in the lovely moon light. retired before 12.

Wed 6th arose about 6. W. hot did housework a.m. at 1.10. p.m. went to the Lake, retired at 8. retired at 10

Thu 7th arose about 5. W. hot, at 10 attended Fast meeting enjoyed much of the spirit of God, felt to bear testimony to what our Bishop said. also felt that thoes who enter into the order of Cesteial Marrage will be increased in temperal things rather than deminished.²² Addie takes a drive with Mr

22. Whether or not this was true, the men who entered into plural marriage tended to be wealthier than other men in Utah. Historian Kathryn Daynes explains that "wealthier men could more easily provide for additional wives and would certainly be more attractive to economically disadvantaged women." Daynes, *More Wives Than One*, 91–92, 128.

Cannon this eve; we had a shower of rain at 4 p.m. Attended Committee Meeting p.m. called on a family of new comers by the name of Tuch. retired about 10.

Fri 8th arose before 7. W. sultry at 4.30. thunder and lightening and pouring rain. did housework all day. Addie goes fishing this p.m. with the Missess Jenton, Messers George M., Lu and John Cannon. Join them in the eve, return before dark. Mr Cannon spent the eve with us, retired about 11.

Sat 9th arose soon after 7. W. fine did housework most of the day, attended 14th Ward meeting enjoyed the spirit of God retired about 10.

Sun 10th arose about 6. W. fine, attended to home affairs a.m., also called on Sister Tuch, attended Tabernacle p.m. Elders John Q. Cannon and John Nickson addressed us spent the eve at home but was sorely vexed because I could not go to me meeting, Mr Cannon spent the eve with us, retired about 10.

Mon 11th arose at 5. W. warm, did housework most of the day, called on A. Ge. Giaunque who is very sick, also brother Howells and my daughter Effie Mr Cannon called, retired before 11.

Tue 12th arose at 5.25. did housework all day report has reched us that some of Elders being killed in the States. retired about 10

Wed 13th arose about 5.30. W. hot began working on a quilt, Miss Annie Cannon spent p.m. with us enjoyed her compay Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the Theatre this eve to see and hear Lawerence Barret,²³ retired about 10.

Thu 14th arose soon after 5. W hot continued working on a quilt. Addie takes a drive this eve with Mr Cannon, News has arrived of more of our Elders being killed,²⁴ retired about 10.

Fri 15th arose about 5.30. W. hot continued work on the quilt Effie and little boys called this eve, Husband attends High Council this eve, retired after one

Sat 16th arose about 6. W. fine high wind this eve Willee Williams and friend abode with us this eve, retired about 10.

Sun 17th arose about 6. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Mr Cannon spends p.m. with us; spent the eve at home guarding the children. The speakers at the Tabernacle wer Elder H. W. Naisbit and Prest A.M. Cannon. retired about 10.

23. Lawrence Patrick Barrett (1838–1991) was a well-known tragedian who played a number of Shakespearean and other roles. Bordman, *Oxford Companion*, 55.

24. William Shanks Berry (1838–1884) and John Henry Gibbs (1853–1884) were killed while on a mission to the southern states. On Sunday, August 10, 1884, during a religious service in Kane Creek, Tennessee, a group of masked men fired on the assembled members of the LDS church. Berry and Gibbs and two local church members were killed. The bodies of Gibbs and Berry were brought to Utah for burial. AJ, 3:314–16, 382–83.

Monday 18th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework all day; Aunt Barbara called Gorden Linzy began to work for us to day, retired about 11.

Tue 19th arose before 5. thunder, lightening rain, wet and cold all most of the day; did housework and sewing Willei Williams and his frien left for Logan by the early train. Sister Worthin and Alice abide with us to night retired about 10.

Wed 20th arose before 5. Sister Worthin and her daughter left for St George. on the early train Did housework and a large ironing, Mr Cannon called retired about 10.

Thu 21st arose before 5. W. lovely, did housework and worked on a quilt, little Kate had her nose hert this eve; Effie brought her home retired about ten.

Fri 22nd arose before 5. W. lovely did housework and finished the quilt soon after 5. this p.m. the presideing officers of the Stake and four bands the (Julia Dean) heavily draped with bearing a band with muffled drum, and long cortage of sorrowing Citysens met at the depot the remains of Bro John H. Gibbs who was Martyred last Sunday and the body of Bro Berry being met at Provo and conveyed to his home in Kanarra. Addie accompanes Mr Cannon to an entertainment in the 14th Ward retired about 11.

Sat 23rd arose a before 5. W. warm. did housework most of the day did some sewing Aunt Nettie Coslet and Maud arrived from the South, this eve retired about 10

Sun 24th arose before 5. W. hot, at 2. p.m. attended the Memorial servises of our bloved Myrters John H. Gibbs and Wm S. Berry, there were very beautiful floral offerings. Attended Ward meeting. Messers Cannon and Ross spent the eve with us on the pourch, also Aunt Nett, we sang and played for them, retired about 11.

Monday 25th arose before 5. W. warm did housework all day Little Alice Waterfall died this eve retired about 10.

Tue 26th arose at 5.30. W. hot have felt poorly all day, began work on another quilt; called on Aunt Nancy. Effie and Sister Roberts this eve. retired soon after 11

Wed 27th arose soon after 5. W. warm, continued work on a quilt, attendd the funeral of little Alice Waterfall. Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the Theatre tonight to witness (Lady Clare²⁵ retired about 11.

Thu 28th arose about 5.30. W. hot continued work on a quilt. In the eve accompanied Aunt Nett to see bro howells, returned home about 11. while out we had an interview with an a Lady and gentleman from the East; had great pleasure in answering questions and giving breif history

25. *Lady Clare*, a drama about the English aristocracy, included a duel scene and the confession of a wife that she married her husband "from pride and pique and not for love." *Deseret Evening News*, August 27, 1884.

of the Church and our people, retired about 12.

Fri 29th arose about 6. W. hot worked on a carpet Mr Cannon called retired about 11.

Sat 30th arose about 5.315. W. hot at 10. a.m. accompanied Aunt Nett to Prest Taylor's office. Transacted business in town returned about 3. oclock. We have put our new homemade carpet to day which looks very bright and pretty, we have some tablecovers of home manufacture which are good and hansom and we are proud of them; retired about 11.

Sun 30th arose about 5.30. W. hot attended to home affairs a.m. attended the Tabernacle p.m. we were addressed by Apostles George Teasdales. and G.Q. Cannon; spent the eve at home guarding the Children, Mr Cannon spent the p.m. with us, met my old friend Sister Harrison of Pinto Iron County, retired after 11.

September 1884

Mon 1st arose before 5. at 10.30 accompanied Aunt Nett to the presidents office after waiting several hours were invited to the Gardo House.²⁶ where we had a satisfactory interview with Prest Taylor, met his Wife Sophia [Whittaker Taylor] and her Sister Mrs Harrison of Pinto. Returned home about 5. attended to home affairs. Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the S.S. union this eve. Maudie Thompson went to stay with Bro and Sister Howells last night. Retired about 10.

Tue 2nd arose about 4.30. W. lovely did housework all day some cutting out. Sisters Foster and Parker called as te teachers retired before 9.

Wed 3rd arose soon after 4. W. hot attended to home affair a.m. visited the Block p.m. Missess Feton called on Addie Mr Cannon came to take Addie for a drive, retired about 11.

Thu 4th arose about 6. W. warm and windy, attended to home affairs attended fast meeting a.m. attended Committee meeting p.m. called on Sister Tuch. Sister Ashton and my Daughter Effie Mr Cannon spends the eve with Addie. Retired about 10.

Fri 5th arose before 4. W. cold and cloudy, did housework all day, repairing in the eve, Mr Cannon called; retired about 10.

Sat 6th arose about 6. W. cold and damp rain in the eve, did housework

26. Brigham Young started building the Gardo House in 1873, intending to use it as his official residence and as a place to entertain and house visiting dignitaries. Young died in 1877 before the Gardo House was finished, leaving the building to his successor, John Taylor. President Taylor finished the home and lived there briefly in the 1880s. Located across from the Beehive House, the Gardo House was constructed of adobe brick and local sandstone. Sandra Dawn Brimhall and Mark D. Curtis, "The Gardo House," 173–201; Judy Dykman, *The Silver Queen: Her Royal Highness Suzanne Bransford Emery Holmes Delitch Engalitcheff, 1859–1942*, 61–62.

and repairing retired about 10.

Sun 7th arose about 6. W. wet and cold, thunder lightning and pouring rain at early dawn. attended to home affairs a.m. spent p.m. at home guarding the children, attended Ward meeting Elder Milando Pratt spoke well, Elder Royal B. Young spoke with great power. Mr Cannon spent p.m. with us. Retired about 10.

Mon 8th arose soon after 5. soon after noon attended a birthday of Sister Prisindia L. Kimbal had a good and profitable time Three Sisters spoke in tongues and many recieved comforting blessings retired about 9

Tuesday 9th arose about 5. W. wet yesterday the same. did the weeks ironing, retired at 10.

Wed 10th arose about 5. 30. W. lovely, my old friend Sister M.A. Harrison of sothern utah spent the day with us; Mr Cannon spent the eve with us, retired about midnight.

Thu 11th arose about 6. W. fine did housework all day, some repairing; accompanied my Husband and his other Wife to the Theatre to witness (In The Ranks)²⁷ retired about midnight

Friday 12th arose about 6. W. lovely did housework all day, my Daughter Effie and little Boys spent p.m. and eve with us retired soon after 9.

Sat 13th arose about 6 W. fine did housework all day repairing in the eve Mr Cannon called, retired about 11.

Sun 14th arose about 5. W. fine. At 9. rain poured down, clear at noon, rained most of the afternoon. Attended to home affairs a.m. spent p.m. at home guarding the children, evening also; wrote to my brother, retired about 11.

Mon 15th arose at 4.15. W. fine did housework repairing and puting up fruit. My old friend Sister M.A. Harrison and her Sister Mrs Sophia Taylor Wife of Prest Taylor, called this p.m. retired about 9.

~~Wed~~ *Tue 16th* arose soon after 5. W. fine, did housework repairing and puting up fruit; Miss Lizzie Kimball called. Last night a masked man broke into the house of our Neighbour Mrs Pierpont and treated her very roughly. retired about 10

Wed 17th arose about 5.30. W. lovely did housework repairing and puting up fruit Elders Jones, and Rudy called as teachers. Mr Cannon called retired about 10.

Thu 18th arose about 6. W. warm did housework and fruit canning retired about 10.30.

Fri 19th arose about 6. W. quite warm. Did housework a.m. feel quite tired to day, This p.m. transacted business in town, also attended Relief Society Conference; was called upon to speak, Sister Annie Smoot of Provo spoke excelently, also Dr. Furgeson. Sisters H.T. King, M.I. Horne and others

27. *In the Ranks*, a drama, was written by George Roberts Sims and Henry Pettitt and performed in the Salt Lake Theatre.

felt blessed in hearing from my Sisters Called on Mrs Pierpont. Miss Lizzie Kimball called. About 9. oclock this eve three masked men grabbed one or more of our neighbours girls who were on the street near home. Retired about 10.

Sat 20th arose about 4.30. W. quite warm. did housework all day retired about 10.30.

Sun 21st arose about 6. W. very warm; spent the day at home, feeling sadly tired and not well. attended Ward meeting in the eve. Mr Cannon spent p.m. with us. retired about 10.

Mon 22nd arose about 6. W. warm did housework all day; in the eve attended a lecture at the Theatre dliivered by Elder John Nicholson in relation to the "Tennessee Massacre" it was really exelent²⁸ retired about 12.

~~Mon~~ *Tue 23rd* arose about 6. W. charming spent most of the day in coloring dress goods. Retired about 10.

Wed 24th arose about 6. W. lovely did housework and ironing Miss Lizzie Kimball called this p.m. Aunt Nett and Mr Cannon called this eve. Addie received a beautiful present Retired about 12.

Thu 25th arose before 6. W. fine a.m. chilly and cloudy p.m. began pieceing another quilt. called on Sister Bustle this eve whos husband died [*blank*] also called on Mrs Lottie [Charlotte Elizabeth Goulder] Parry who is very low retired about 12 Addie takes a drive with Mr Cannon this eve

Fri 26th arose about 6. Wind and pouring rain dureing the night continued work on a quilt. At 1. oclock attended the funeral of Bro James Bustle [Bussel]. retired about 11.

Sat 27th arose about 6. W. fine did housework and sewing Miss Francy Fenton called. Retired about 12.

Sun 28th arose before 5. W. fine. Spent the day at home, Nephi sick. Mr Cannon spent p.m. with us retired about 10

Mon 29th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework all day, Miss Florence Ridges and Aunt Nett called this eve; Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the Theatre. retired about 11.

Tue 30th arose about 6 W. ~~September 1884~~ lovely attended to home affairs a.m. p.m. attended the funeral of Mrs Lottie Golder Parry. Elder C. W. Penrose and other Elders spoke. Transacted business in town; Miss Lizzie called, retired about 10.

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28. John Nicholson gave a lecture in the Salt Lake Theatre entitled "The Tennessee Massacre and Its Causes." He said that the Tennessee massacre of two Mormon missionaries was the result of inflammatory articles in the *Salt Lake Daily Tribune*, circulated by sectarian ministers in Tennessee. *Deseret Evening News*, September 23, 1884.

Wed 1st arose about 6. a.m. lovely p.m. cloudy; did housework ironing and fruit canning Aunt Nett called George and Nephi attend the Music Hall retired about 12.

Thursday 2nd arose soon after 7. W. cloudy and rained some; began housecleaning my son Nephi is fourteen years old to day. may his footsteps ever tread the narrow parth. Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to visit her cousin Aggie Ridges retired about 10

Fri 3rd arose about 6. W. fine, continued housecleaning, retired about 11.

Sat 4th arose before 6 rain at early morn. wet and fine dureing the day Attended Conference for a short time this a.m. Transacted business in town. Attended to home affairs p.m. Bro P. Lewis and his Wives abode with us to night, retired about 11.

Sunday 5th arose about 6. W. lovely Sister [Catherine Evans] Lewis very ill all night Spent the day at home, Sister L. Deathly sick. Addie attends Con— Sister Boden of Brigham City called this a.m. Aunt Sarah Morris Sister Burgoyne and Jennie arrived from the north this a.m. Bro and Sisters Lewis have gone home this p.m. I hope she reaches there alive! ~~At~~ Mr Cannon called. Bro B. Wryed abides with us to night, also Sister Bergoyne and Jennie. Retired about 12.

Mon 6th arose about 6 W. cloudy attended Con— Most of the day, Ninn, Morris and her Mother and Mr Smith abides with us this eve retired about 12.

Tue 7th arose about 6. W. fine. attended Con part of a.m. Sister Lewis died yesterday at 6. a.m. Addie attended a reunion of the Cannon family last eve. She attends a Ball this eve with Mr Cannon. Miss Burgoyen accompanies them retired about 1.

Wed 8th arose about 6. W. fine did housework a.m. did sewing p.m. called on Effie Mr Cannon called. retired about 11.

Thu 9th arose about ~~about~~ 6.30. W. fine attended to home affairs, My old Friend Sister M.A. Lunt accompanied by her Husband Bp Lunt. Also Aunt Nett. My Neice Florence Ridges abides with us to night retired about 11.

Fri 10th arose before 6. shower about 9. a.m. day fine. Did housework all day, sewing in the eve; retired about 11.

Sat 11th arose about 6.30. W. lovely spent the day in cleaning retired about 11.

Sun 12th arose about 6.30. W. quite warm. attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Apostle George Teasdale spoke with great power apostle B. Young also spoke well. Called on Aunt Lavinia. who is crippled by a fall. Attended Ward meeting in the eve had a good time. was soelected by the Bishopric of the Ward to take charge of the Primary department of the Ward. Retired about 11. Mr Cannon pent p.m. with us *Mon 13th* arose at 3. oclock, was diturbed, retired and arose again at 6.30. W. mild and changeable did housework all day retired about 10.

Tues 14th arose before 4. W. lovely, did housework all day Sister S.M. Kimball called on impotant business. Mrs Williams called in the eve.



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Mary Lois's church, the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward chapel. It
was dedicated on July 24, 1881.

Addie gets up a party to day for Katie and her friends. Missess Mary and Nora Cannon, Clara and Oneta Hardy, Emma [Zilphah] and Effie [Mable] Morgan, Mamey and Sissy Swan, Carrie Williams, Winnie Jones, Vinnie and Josey Morris wer her guests. retired about 10.

Wed 15th arose about 5. W. lovely, did housework a.m. visited Effie p.m. Mr Cannon called retired about 10.

Thu 16th arose before 5. W. quite warm. Did housework and the weeks ironing, Miss Mamie Miller called. At 4. p.m. attended Primary meeting, was elected and sustained President of the same. Recived great encomiums from my Bishop. ~~from my~~ He viewing my life and its ruselts.²⁹ Feel thankful that in the trials and dark hours of life I have been enabled to honor God ~~who~~ and keep the faith, and instel the same into my offspring. May God help me to continue or ~~talk~~ take may life. **Retired** Sisters Susan Waterfall and Hortence Jones wer elcted and sustained first and second coucilers My little George Q. was elected treasurer. Retired about 9.30.

Fri 17th arose at 4.25. W. quite warm. Attended to home affairs, about 3. p.m. went to the a meeting of Presidents of Stake Primaries held at the house of Elen S. Cawson Stake President. the Sisters said many good things. Came home before dark attended to home affairs, did repairing in the eve. Misses Florenc, and May, Ridges, and Miss Lizzie Kimball. visit

29. See Fifteenth Ward, Primary Association minutes and records, October 16, 1884.

with my daughter Addie to day, Retired about 9.

Sat 18th arose ~~befo~~ about 3.30. W. quite warm spent the day in cleaning, Aunt Nette called, retired about 11.

Sun 19th arose about 6. W. wet, but mild spent the day at home guarding the children, Aunt Nett called this eve, Addie accompanied Mr Cannon. to American Fork on the early train returned this eve, We attended Ward meeting, retired about 10.

Mon 20th arose about 5.30. W. fine, did housework a.m. worked on a quilt p.m. Miss Lizzie Kimball called a.m. retired about 10.

Tue 21st arose about 6. W. fine. did housework all day; Aunt Nett called. Called on Mrs Lizzie Harrison whoes babe is sick. Miss Derren and Mrs Harris called in the in the eve, accompanied them home, watched with Mrs Harrison all night whoes babe is dying.

Wed 22nd came home about 6. W. lovely, rested a.m. did a large ironing p.m. Mr Cannon called, retired about 10.

Thu 23rd arose soon after 5. W. lovely, did housework all most of the day. At 4. p.m. attended Primary Meeting, presided over it for the first time; got along pretty well.³⁰ After meeting was over called on a family of new comers, by the name of Sear. Had pleasant converse with them, they seemed cheered with our attention. reached home about dark. Addie attends the Music Hall this eve with Mr Cannon retired about 11.

Fri 24th arose arose early W. lovely did housework most of the day attended some sewing. This eve Addie has a pleasant party, of the following persons Mr G.M. Cannon, his cousins David and Abram, brothers John and Lu, Sisters Mina and Annie And Sisterinlaw Sarah Cannon. Camilla Mason, my daughter Effie, and Husband, and my Neice Nellie Morris and two baby Cannons Claud and Elizabeth. We had a very pleasant time, retired about 12.

Sat 25th arose about 6.20. W. lovely, did housework all day, repairing in the eve Katie attends a birthday party of little Jessee [Jesse] Fox Cannon this p.m. Mr Cannon Called this eve, retired about 10.

Sun 26th arose about 6.15. at 10. 10. a.m. attended the funeral of Sister Harrison's babe who died on friday, attended the Tabernacle p.m. spent the eve at home Prests G.Q. and A.M. Cannon spoke in our Ward this eve, Mr Cannon called. retired about 11.

Mon 27th arose about 6. W. lovly, did housework all day Aunt Nett spent p.m. with us, retired about 10.

Tue 28th arose before 4. W. cloudy, did housework ironing and began working on an other quilt. retired about 11.

30. The first meeting of the Fifteenth Ward Primary Association conducted by Mary Lois Morris was a party that included dancing by the children. The "entertainment" earned sixteen dollars for the Primary, half of which was used to pay for the use of the ward hall. Memoir 198-99; pp. 191-92.

Wed 29th arose about 5. W. fine but growing colder did housework ironing and worked on a quilt Miss Bertha [May] Moyle and Sister Ida [Moyle] called Also Mr Cannon; retired about 9.30

Thu 30th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework and worked on a quilt. at 4. p.m. went to Primary Meeting, got along splendidly and felt blessed. Called on Sisters Lucy Russell, who has presented her husband with a fine boy, the first of their Marriage of fifteen years. Was accompanied home by Aunt Nett who spent the eve with us. Did repairing in the eve, retired about 11.

Fri 31st arose soon soon after 6. W. fine and very mild, About 8. oclock Mr Cannon called. Before 10. oclock went to the funeral of Mr John Robins. Father of Aunt Lavinia Morris. Most exelent and aproprait remarks **remarks** were made by Elders Elias Morris. and George G. Bywater. followed the remains to Mount Olivet Cemetery.³¹ Soon after one oclock attended a sewing Bee at the house of Mrs Elizabeth [Wood] Moyle. Returned home at 1.30. Aunt Nett and Mr Cannon called, Addie takes a drive with him to night retired about 10.

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Sat 1st arose about 6.30. W. fine; did housework a.m. p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting important subjects were treated upon, transacted business in town; attended to home affairs in the eve retired about 10. T this day adopt the new time which is 30. minutes faster than the sun; and which was adopted by the Territory last May.³²

Sun 2nd arose at 5. W. mild and cloudy. attended to home affairs a.m. also read a good deal. attended Tabernacle p.m. Elders H.W. Naisbit spoke. attended Ward meeting in the eve. Mr Cannon called, retired about 10.30.

Monday 3rd arose at 5.30. W. lovely, spent most of the day in coloring Aunt Nett and Aunt Hatty Burton and Mr Cannon called. There is a grand rally of the Peoples Party at the Theatre to night. Went up town this eve. It was discovered to day that my husband's oldest son Elias has lost an eye which

31. Mount Olive Cemetery was located at the corner of Fourteenth East and Sixth South in Salt Lake City.

32. Until 1883, towns and cities in America used the sun to set their clocks. As each town was on a slightly different time, it was difficult to coordinate railroad schedules. As a result, the railroad companies, "without benefit of federal law or public demand, set a date for standardizing time." At noon on November 18, 1883, Standard Railway Time was initiated, replacing "a profusion of local times with five standard zones—Intercolonial, Eastern, Central, Mountain and Pacific—each of which had a uniform time within its boundaries." Schlereth, *Victorian America*, 29–31.

casts a gloom over all of us, retired about 10.

Tue 4th arose at 5.30. W. lovely, went up town a.m. attended to home affairs p.m. Cousin Wm C. Morris Mr Cannon Ed and Effie called; attended Joint meeting to night; Addie gave a lecture from Joan of Arc. retired about 12.

Wed 5th arose about 7. W. fine, did housework millinary work and repairing Sisters Foster and Parker called also Mr Cannon, retired about 11.

Thu 6th arose about 6.30. W. fine did a good deal of cleaning. Attended fast meeting a.m. attenendid to home affairs the primary meeting attendid at 4. got along petty well, Missess Sallee Hadoc and Miss Ruth Roach called. Also Elders Wm R. Jones and Rudy as teachers. retired about 11. After retiring was dreadfully frightend by the house shakeing, cause an explosion of the powder magazine. Bishop Bills and son abode with us over night. accompanied my husband home from High Council Meeting

Fri 7th arose about 7. W. lovely did the weeks ironing and housework, feel sick from takeing cold. Miss Florence Ridges called spent p.m. with us. Addie attends a lecture with Mr Cannon this eve, retired about 11.

Sat 8th arose about 7. W. fine, did housework and repairing There is a grand stir up town to night over the election of Cleveland as President of the United States.³³ Retired about 11.

Sun 9th arose about 7. W. lovely, attended to home affair. a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Apostle G.Q. Cannon spoke grandly. Spent the eve at home Mr Cannon spent p.m. with us. retired about 11.

Mon 10th arose about 6.30 W. lovely, did housework and worked on a quilt. Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the theatre this eve retired before 12.

Tue 11th arose before 7. W. lovely. did the days work and transacted busines up town. Worked on a quilt in the eve Mr Cannon called heard of the death of an infant of my brothers retired at 12.30.

Wed 12th arose about 5.30. W. lovely, did housework and prepared for colorig. Mrs Hisky [Ellen Alexander Hiskey] and Mrs A.L. Williams and Mr Cannon called. Received a letter from my Neice Zaidee giveing an account of the death by drowning of my brothers little son Heleman [Walker].³⁴ answered it, retired about 11.

Thu 13th arose about 6.30. W. mild and cloudy did housework and coloring. Attended Primary meeting p.m. attended to home affairs in the eve Mr Cannon called, retired about 10.

33. On November 8, 1884, a "grand jolification meeting" was held by the Salt Lake City Democrats in front of the City Hall to celebrate the election of Democratic candidate Grover Cleveland (1837–1908) to the presidency of the United States. Cleveland was the twenty-second U.S. president, as well as the twenty-fourth. *Chronology*, 117; Foner, *The Reader's Companion to American History*, 191–92.

34. Heleman Walker (1883–1884), the son of Abigail Middlemass and Mary Lois's brother Charles Lowell Walker, died on November 6, 1884. Charles Walker wrote that his son "drowned by slipping into a water tank." CWD, 638.

Fri 14th arose early W. fine did a good deal of cleaning and much other work a.m. p.m. attended meeting of primary officers had a very pleasant time; transacted business in town attended to home affairs in the eve retired about 11.

Sat 15th arose about 6. W. fine did housework all day reppairing in the eve retired before 12.

Sun 16th arose before 7. W. colder but fine attended to home affairs a.m. attended Tabernacle pm Bp Preston and Prest Penrose spoke excellently attend Ward meeting in the eve Mr Cannon spent p.m. with us. Aunt Nett and Maudie called; retired about 11.

Mon 17th arose before 7. gentle rain part of the day, and part of the night. Did housework and couloreing and transacted business in town, retired about 00.

Tue 18th arose about 7. W. drizzly. worked as yesterday Mr Cannon called, worked on a quilt in the eve, retired about 11.

Wed 19th arose about 7. W. fine but colder, did housework and coloring, and worked on a quilt Mr Cannon called, retired before 12.

Thu 20th arose before 7. W. fine, did housework and coloring At 4. p.m. went to primary meeting, got along very well, gave a short lecture on Utah. Made arrangements with Bro Giles to hold a party in the Music Hall for the Primary children. Transacted business up town. Addie attends a necktie party this eve with Mr Cannon. Worked on a quilt this eve retired after 2. oclock.

Fri 21st arose about 7. W. fine a did housework and finished pieceing a quilt Addie accompines Mr Cannon to his Sister Mina's who has chosen himself and Addie as Committee on a secelect party to be held on Thanksgiving Day; retired after 11.

Sat 22nd arose about 7. W. fine spent the day in cleaning, did repairing in the eve retired after 12. Mr Cannon called. yesterday Miss Lizzie Kaimball and Francy Fenton called.

Sun 23rd arose about 7.30. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Bros Goddard, Leo [Herbert] Clawson and Apostle G.Q. Cannon spoke gloriously attended Ward meeting in the eve Mr Cannon spent p.m. with us. retired about 11.

Mon 24th arose at 5.30. W. very mild, did housework and began to cut carpet rags. Mr Cannon called this eve, retired about 11

Tue 25th arose about 5.30. W. lovely, did housework all day, Mr Cannon called, also Misess Fenton. Late in the eve ~~little~~ called to see Bro Duncanson who lies very low; met many friends of the ward while there retired about 11.

Wed 26th arose about 5.30. W. fine; did housework and ironing, and transacted business up town. retired before 12. Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to a party in the 14th Ward.

Thu 27th Thanksgiving Day; arose about 7. W. lovely, attended to home

affairs a.m. Attended ~~to home~~ a party p.m. gotten up by the Primary association, which was a success in every way a very happy spirit prevailed Aunt Nett called this eve. Addie and Mr Cannon attend a grand party this eve gotten up by the Cannon family; of which they are part of Committee retired about 12.

Fri 28th arose at 6.40. W. lovely, did housework and coloring. Mr Carroll of Park City dined with us to day retired about 12.

Sat 29th arose about 6. W. lovely did housework and coloring retired about 10.

Sun 30th arose before 5. W. lovely attended to home affairs, spent the day at home not feeling very well; about 5. p.m. the Mill that my Husband has a share in was burnt down.³⁵ Bro Searer and son and Daughter accompanied Addie home; spent the eve pleasantly singing and playing they are fine singers retired about 11

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Mon 1st arose at 6. W. very fine but colder. days lovely, nights and mornings sharp. Did housework and coloring Aunt Nett and Mr Cannon called the latter spent p.m. with us yester day. Attended S.S. Union this eve; retired about 10.

Tue 2nd arose at 6. W. lovely did housework and a good deal of coloring ~~reti~~ Aunt Nett spent the eve with us; retired about 12. composed some verses by request

Wed 3rd arose about 7. W. f cloudy wind and hail at night did housework and pressing Nora and Mary Cannon spent p.m. with Katie retired before 11.

Thu 4 arose before 7. W. cold and cloudy did housework and cut carpet rags. At 4. p.m. went to primary Meeting, we had a very pleasant time the spirit of God met with us all felt pleased with the use we made of the means gathered from the party viz aiding the poor, the grown persons expressed themselves highly gratified with the course taken. Transacted business up town, returned home at dark, much fatigued. did most of the weeks ironing in the eve, Addie accompinies Mr Cannon to the Theatre to night to witness Hamlet. retired about 1. oclock.

Fri 5th arose about 7. W. cloudy and cold cut carpet rags most of the day. Mr Cannon spent the eve with us retired before 12.

Sat 6th arose about 6. W. cloudy, snow fell in the eve; spent the day in

35. The Kimball grist mill, opposite North Temple Street, caught fire about 3:40 p.m. on November 30, 1884. In addition to the wooden mill, "a quantity of flour in the west side of the mill and a thousand bushels of wheat and chopped feed took fire." The wheat in the Kimball mill belonged to the Pioneer Patent Roller Mill, a business venture of Mary Lois's husband, Elias Morris. *Deseret Evening News*, December 1, 1884.

cleaning retired about 10.

Sun 7th arose about 6. W. cold and cloudy attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Apostle G.Q. Cannon spoke with great power. Misess Fenton and Aunt Nett called, Mr Cannon spent p.m. with us. Attended Ward meeting in the eve, retired about 11.

Mon 8th arose about 7. W. fine, did housework a.m. cut carpet rags p.m. Aunt Nett, Brig Ashton Mr Cannon and Sister Golder Philips called, retired at 12.

Tue 9th arose about 7. W. fine did housework all day, ~~reti~~ Mr Cannon called, also Mrs and Mr David J. Williams, recived an invitation to visit Mrs Sarah Cannon next friday retired about 10.

Wed 10th arose about 9. W. fine and cold did housework all day Mrs Harrison Mr and Mrs D.J. Williams and Mrs Cannon called retired about 11

Thu 11th arose about 7. W. cloudy and cold did housework and cut carpet rags, At 4. p.m. went to Primary meeting; went up town, came home after dark. At 8. oclock went out to invite quilters for next week retired about 11.

Fri 12th arose about 7. W. cloudy and cold. did a good deal of cleaning and other work. In the eve payed a visite to Prest A.M. and Mrs Sarah Cannon, accompanied by Pa, Addie and Kate. Had a very peasant time; reached home before 12. discussed matters concerning the coming wedding retired about 12 arose at 2. oclock and again at 5. on account of sickness. Arose after 8.

Fri-Sat 13th arose after 8. W. cold and cloudy light snow spent most of the day in cleaning. Addie selects capets to day, for for her future home. snow began to fall in ernernest about 4 p.m. Addie accompanies Mr Cannon to the Y. folks Mutial improvement. Retired after 9. sadly fatigued.

Sun 14th arose before 7. snow falling, attended to home affairs. About 11. a.m. went to Conference Bp. Preston spoke well. Prest G.Q. Cannon spoke in the afternoon most exceleently. Aunt Net and the children accompanied us to the Tabernacle in the eve. Prests Woodruff and addressed us. Mr Cannon spent the eve with us. retired about 11.

Mon 15th arose about 6. W. cloudy and windy, spent most of the day in housecleaning. Miss Nell Brown and Mr spent the eve with us, we stoned fruit for the wedding cake and did other work retired after 12.

Tue 16th arose about 6.30. W. windy and cloudy, rained at night. continued housecleaning and cooked for the quilting Aunt stayed over night retired about 1. oclock.

Wed 17th arose about 7. W. mild and raining. Entertained thirteen quilters; got two quits off the frames. Called on Sister Hiskey's child in the eve, Mr Ashton called in the eve retired about 10.

Thur 18th arose at 6.30. W. cloudy and windy did housework and bound the quits with the aid of Sister Grey and Hortense Jones. a Bro's Wm Jones and Henry Rudy called as teachers retired about midnight

Fri 19th arose about 7. W. cloudy and windy spent most of the day in

repairing carpet. We made Addie's kitchen carpet in the eve Mr Cannon called retired about midnight

Sat 20th arose about 7. rain falling most of the day did housecleaning and repairing carpet. In the eve went up town to perhas a wedding presant for Addie and George retired about 12.

Sun 21st arose about 8. earth mantled in snow; and continued falling all day; spent the day at home this being Addie's last sunday with us. Mr Cannon dined with us. ~~about~~ Addie and George sup with Effie this eve. About 6. p.m. went over to the other house to join a large company who celebrate the fiftieth birthday of my Husband's other Wife; we had a very pleasant time greeted many friends and relatives. Addie George Joined us about 8. oclock. she sang sweetly for the company; we came home about 9. retired about 11.

Mon 22nd arose about 7. rain falling, cloudy and thawing all day did housework and varnishing. Accompanied by Miss Annie Waterfall and little Kate attended a Sunday School Concert; had much pleasure; the entertainment was simply a collection of gems. Mr Cannon called several times and spent the eve, he has a good deal of business to transact, has to snatch time between meals. All hands and heads are busy prepareing for the coming event. George looks very happy bless his inocent soul; Addie looks anxious, would that I could free her from all care; shall be glad when we have all things in readiness. retired about 12.

Tue 23rd arose before 6. W. wet and very mild, continued painting a.m. went up town p.m. shopping with Addie, came home before dark continued house cleaning retired about one oclock.

Wed 24th arose about 7. W. very mild and clody almost sultry; began to make preparations for the wedding supper, continued until 3. oclock in the morning.

25th arose about 6. W. mild and cloudy, mud in lakes in the streets. before 10. accompanied my Husband and his Daughter Nellie rode to the Endowment House to witness the marrage ceremony of our Daughter Marian Adalaide. The the nuptials were performed by Prest A.M. Cannon. father of the Bridegroom; his Mother also being present. The Bridgroom looked happy and cheerful the Bride wept a good deal. We reached home before noon the Bride and Groom soon followed; we ate lunchon about noon. Early in the after noon the Groom presented the Bride with a casket of jewels, of solid gold; very delicate and artistically wrought, accompanid by a heavy gold ring. The Bride and groom busid themselves in direct-ing wedding cards. About 4. p.m. Prest A.M. Cannon arrived with two little daughters, about an hour later the Mother of the groom and Aunt Amanda came; other members of the family folloed. About two oclock we began preparations for supper which was served about 6.30. which was bontious) and the guests say rich and delicious the Cake was white and

towering and bautifully wrought. Sixty persons sat down to supper. The presents were hansom numerous and useful. The Children said they were haveing a glorious time. The evening was spent very pleasantly until the Bride was urged to sing; at the fourth word of the song she broke down and left the room weeping. Some time after we were called to cut the cake; our guests which were mostly Brothers and Sisters began to turn homewards at length the time arrived for the Bride and groom to depart the sceene was quite affecting, the Bride was weary pensiv and sorrofull, little Kate who had been ~~she~~ her companion all her short little life now clung to her sobbing and intreating her not to leave her; the brother of the groom awaited out side with a convanse to bear them to their future home; this was a trying hour for the groom who pased the floor in anxious suspence; before 1. oclock the Bride was prevailed upon to accompany her Husband; we did our best to comfort little Kate who did not expect her Sister to leave her that night; we retired about 1. oclock.

Fri 26th arose about 7. W. very mild and cloudy; assisted by Miss Annie Waterfall put things to rights after the wedding which was no easy task Prest A.M. Cannon called spoke kindly words which left a pleasant influence though it had seemed before, as if the light of our house had gone out. Aunt Nett called, we retired about 10.

Sat 27th arose about 7. snow on the ground W. cold and stormy before 10. went to the Primary Conference. had a very pleasant time; gave in our report and felt blessed p.m. transacted business in town. Called on Addie found her quite busy stayed about an hour, came home about 4. attended to home affairs retired about 10

Sun 28th arose soon after 5. W. mild and muddy attended to home affairs a.m. also sent off many weddings cards and cakes. Attended Tabernacle p.m. Ward meeting in the eve Miss Nebeker and Elias Jones called retired about 11.

Mon 29th arose about 6 W. cloudy and cold, snowed in the eve; did housework all day also sent sent off more wedding cards; Miss Annie Cannon And Aunt Nett called; called on Effie at night retired about 11.

Tue 30th arose soon after 5. W. cold and clear, the first clear day we have had for about three weeks. Did housework and put a quilt in the frames; quilted p.m. Miss Annie Waterfall, Alice Eccles, and Aunt Sarah Roberts assisting; retired about 10. a year ago this eve" it happening on sunday as this is leap year, Mr Cannon first called on Addie; and now she is esteemed Wife. May their feet ever tread the straight and narrow path.

Wed 31st arose soon after 7. W. clear and cold, did housework all day; Miss Alice and Miss Mary Fenton finished the quilt In the eve preared binding for the quilt, and read in my journal many events of the past year May God help me to serve him continually; retired about 10

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“My Husband Has Thought It Wisdom to Absent Himself”

January 1885

Thu 1st arose about 6.30. W. clear and cold, attended Fast meeting a.m. had a good time; Sky cloudy at 4 p.m. At 5. paid a visit to Prest A.M. Cannon. My Husband, his other Wife, my Daughters Effie and Addie my Soninlaw Georg M. Cannon were in attendance. Bro A.M. Sisters Mina Sarah and Aunt Sarah and Aunt Sarah Jane Cannon were there; we had a very pleasant time came home about 11. with Effie and little Kate. Retired before 12. Nephi and George spent the day skateing; and the eve at the Music Hall.

Fri 2nd arose about 7.30. W. cold and cloudy did housework and ironing; retired about 10.

Sat 3rd arose about 7.30. W. cloudy and cold; spent the day in cleaning, went up town in the eve retired about 10.

Sun 4th arose about 6.30 W. cloudy and milder; spent the day at home Have had several spells of spasom, feel better now thank God. George has been poorly all day, came home from Sunday school looking very pale. The children have received presents of books from the S.S. to day. The speakers at the Tabernacle to day were George C. [Cannon] Lambert returned Missionary. and Prest Georeg Q. Cannon. At the Ward meeting Abram H. Cannon. Regret very much we could not attend; spent the eve very pleasantly talking with the children on Church History and principles of the Gospel retired about 10.

Mon 5th arose about 6. fresh snow on the ground, day fine, did housework and coloring, retired about 11.

Tue 6th arose about 6.30. W. fine and mild did housework and coloring, retired about 11.

Wed 7th arose about 6.30. W. very mild like spring; did housework and a large ironing retired about 10.

Thu 8th arose at 6.15 W. pleasant with door open. did housework, transacted business in town did more coloring quit work at 10. oclock. Retired about 11.

Fri 9th arose about 7. W. mild and cloudy, did housework all day excepting while we attended Primary meeting; got along pretty well; came



Courtesy of Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley

*A signed portrait of Elias Morris, Mary Lois
Morris's second husband.*

home about 5. attended to home affairs Aunt Nett and Miss Miller called. Cousin's Becca and Winnie supped with us; retired about 10.

Sat 10 arose about 7. W. drizzley all day; did housework and coloring retired after 12.

Sun 11th arose about 7. snow on the ground about 10. oclock snowed several hours, did housework a.m. attended the Tabernacle p.m. accompanied by little Kate. Apostle George Tesdale spoke with Great power. attended Ward meeting in the eve Elders Spencer Clawson and J.R. Morgan addressed us. retired about 10.

Mon 12th arose about 5.20. W. clear and mild did housework and coloring and ironing; went up town in the eve retired before 11.

Tue 13th arose about 7. W. cold and cloudy did housework and sewing; called on Effie in the eve retired before 11.

Wed 14th arose about 6.30. W. fresh snow on the ground; cloudy and cold, did housework and sewing supped and spent the eve with Addie and George had a very pleasant time; they doing their best to make us happy. Came home about 11. retired before 11.

Thu 15th arose about 7 W. cold and frosty fresh snow on the ground; did housework and sewing, Sister D. Smith and Elias Jones called. Did a good deal of coloring, Kate attends a birth day party of luly Morris this p.m. retired before 11.

Fri 16th arose at 6. at W. cloudy and mild, did housework and coloring and cutting out; at 4. p.m. attended primary meeting had a pretty good time. Addie spent p.m. with us; Mr Cannon Joined us about 7. this being their first visit scince their Marriage; spent the eve peasantly retired before 11.

Sat 17th arose at 6. several inches of snow on the ground, did housework and coloring retired at 10.

Sun 18th arose soon after 6. more snow on the ground. W. mild; snowing this p.m. and evening. did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were Milo Anders and Theadore Cirtus. Attended Ward meeting this eve, Elders T.C. Griggs James Ure and Bp. Pollard addressed us, read for the Children from the Bible retired about 10.

Mon 19th arose at 6. snow about a foot deep, W. cold and clear, did housework and sewing and transacted business up town. we bid good bye to the Piano to day for a while; retired about 1. oclock.

Tue 20th arose before 8. W. cold and clear, did housework and coloring and sewing, ~~Addie and George called this eve~~ Prest A.M. Cannon was arrested to day, on charge of Polygamy. My Husband is his bondsman retired about 12.

Wed 21st arose about 8. W. cold and clear, did housework ~~iro~~ and ironing Addie and Mr Cannon called this eve retired about 10.

Thu 22nd arose at 7.30 W. cold did housework all day Aunt Nett called yester day, retired about 10. received a letter from Sister Rowe Leigh.

Fri 23rd arose at 7.25. snow falling; continued most of the day, did housework and sewing; at three oclock attended Primary meeting had a very plasant time. came home at 5. attended to home affairs; Aunt Nett called this eve, retired before 12.

Sat 24th arose about 8. W. fine, did housework all day; attended 14th Ward meeting for about 30. minutes an excelent spirit prevailed; attended to home affairs in the eve retired after 10.

Sun 25th arose about 7. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. accompanied by Aunt Nett attended Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were Abram Hatch Heber J. Grant and Prest A.M. Cannon. The remarks of the latter were fraught with much feeling, and valor for the cause of truth. He is under 1.000 5.00 dollor bonds to appear before the grand juery when it sits. When will the wicked sceace their troubleing! Attended Ward meeting in the eve the speakers were Heber Wells and Bro Turner. Called on Effie; and Bro Duncanson. the latter is dying. retired before 12. clear cold moonlight.

Mon 26th arose about 7. W. cold and clear, did housework all day my Daughter Addie called. Nephi attends a surprise party this eve on his friend Jennie Morgan. Miss Maud Thompson called this eve she is one of the party Georegie and I attended to Primary accounts. retired about 10.

Tue 27th arose soon after 6. W. fine, did housework and ironing. Aunt Nett called this eve, my Husband talked on an important subject retired about 10.

Wed 28th arose about 6. W. fine and clear, sewed most of the day, Aunt Nett called; accompanied by her went to see Bro Duncanson who died at eight oclock this a.m. retired about 10. [*In right margin:* began to read Exponants again]

Thu 29th arose ~~between~~ about 6. W. cloudy and mild, call on my Daughter Effie. also my Councilor Sister H. Jones. Went up town in behalf of a friend. Before 2. oclock went to a meeting of Primary Officers. Transacted business in town reached home about 5. did sewing in the eve; cleaning in the morning Mr Ashton called this eve retired about 11.

Fri 30th arose before 6. W. cloudy and very mild. did sewing a.m. At 11.30 attended the funeral of Bro David Duncanson; the services were very impressive and intresting, the speakers were Elders George Swan, Samuel W. Richards, John McClaws, [*blank*] Paul, Edward Ashton, James Moyle and Prest A.M. Cannon. took the arm of Sister Ann Duncanson from the Coffin to the Carrage followed the remains in company with Sisters S.M. Kimball, Rebecca Jones, M. Martinough, and Eliza [Camp] Binder. Alghted from the carrage and went to Primary meeting had a good time, reached home about 5. attended to home affairs, retired about 10. very tired.

Sat 31st arose soon after 5. did a good deal of writeing before daylight. spent the day in cleaning did repairing in the eve retired about 12. ~~Sun~~

February 1885

Sun 1 arose about 5.30. W. mild and clear; attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Apostle Erastus Snow was the first speaker; Prest Taylor follow his remark were very grand and powerful, clear and easy the whole assembly were thrild with the power thereoff.¹ Called on my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges who has had a very fine son born to her had a peasant interview with my Sister. Attended Ward meeting in the eve; Elder Samuel W. Richards discoursed in a very intresting and instructive manner. Called on Sisters Duncanson and my Daughter Effie. retired about 10.30.

Mon 2nd arose before 5. did a good deal of writeing before daylight. W. fine and mild, did housework all day retired about 10.

Tue 3rd arose about 6. W. very mild fine a.m. cloudy p.m. rain about 4. Did housework and ironing; Sisters Parker and Foster called as teachers also Bro Spencer. retired about 10.

Wed 4th arose about 4. rained all night and this a.m. fine p.m. did housework and repairing retired after 10.

Thu 5th arose soon after 6. W. cloudy and very mild; attended Fast Meeting a.m. attended to home affairs p.m. Effie, Addie, Mr Cannon and Uncle Joseph Parry supped with us; the latter stayed over night, retired about 11.

Fri 6th arose about 7. ~~fine~~ mild and cloudy a.m. drizzely about 3. did housework most of the day; soon after 3. oclock went to Primary meeting had rather an intresting time Called Sister Jessee Jones to aid me in the Work think she will be an effcient help. Did repairing in the eve. Nephi and George attend the Theatre this eve retired about 12.

Sat 7th arose soon after 6. fresh snow on the ground, spent the day in cleaning Aunt Nett and Sister Rhodes called, Prest A.M. Cannon was inded [indicted] to day strange times there are! Retired at 10.30

Sun 8th arose about 6. more snow day cold; attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were[*blank*]Burton, and

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1. On February 1, 1885, President John Taylor delivered his last public discourse in the Tabernacle in Salt Lake City. He had just returned from visiting LDS settlements in Arizona and southern Utah and that evening would go back into hiding to avoid federal officials. In his speech, President Taylor instructed the audience regarding their dealings with those opposing polygamy: "when men tamper with your rights and with your liberties . . . when wives and husbands are pitted against each other and threatened with pains, penalties, and imprisonment, if they will not disclose that which among all decent people is considered sacred, and which no man of delicacy, whose sensibilities had not been blunted by low associations, would ever ask: when such a condition of affairs exist, it is no longer a land of liberty, and it is certainly no longer a land of equal rights, and we must take care of ourselves as best we may, and avoid being caught in any of their snares." *Comp. History*, 6:122–23.

Bp Raleigh Attended Ward meeting in the eve, the speakers were Elias Morris and [blank] Wolley retired about 10.

Mon 9th arose about 4.15. read Deseret News and Exponent till about 6. W. moderate, snowed at intervals during the day came down in good earnest in the eve; did housework a.m. spent p.m. in cleaning paint. Aunt Nett and Bro Wm Jones called retired about 10.

Tue 10th arose about 5.20. snow a foot deep on the ground, snowing at intervals during the day; did housework and repairing, my Daughter Addie called this eve; retired about 10.

Wed 11th arose about 7. fresh snow on the ground the weather continues very mild, snow falling most of the day. Did housework and repairing, retired about 11.

Thu 12th arose about 5.30. another foot of snow on the ground did housework and sewing retired about 10.

Fri 13th arose about 7. more snow, day fine; snow began to fall fast about 4. p.m. Did housework and sewing; at 3. o'clock ~~attended~~ went to hold Primary meeting, found the school not dismissed but very busy with their Post Office of Valentines. Took up Primary meeting about 3.30. had a very interesting time. transacted business in town, returned home about 7. Little Kate received a very beautiful Valentine accompanied by the most beautiful words; retired about 10.

Sat 14th arose soon after 6. day fine. cloudy about 4. p.m. did housework all day; repairing in the eve, retired after 12.

Sun 15th arose about 7. more snow; drizzling snow and rain during the day, attended to home affairs a.m. accompanied by Aunt Nett and little attended the Tabernacle Nephi and George attended also. Elder Wm Willis gave a very interesting account of his eight months Mission to the East Indies. Bro B.F. Johnson followed in excellent remarks. Elder B.F. Johnson addressed us this eve at Ward meeting on the same important subject of training our children in the ways of the Lord. retired about 10.

Mon 16th arose at 4.40. read back numbers of the Exponent till after 6. W. very mild, thawing all night; did housework all, Aunt Nett called p.m. and eve, retired about 11.

Tue 17th arose about 7. W. drizzly streets flowing with mud and water. did housework and transacted business up town. retired after 12.

Wed 18th arose about 7. W. cloudy and very mild, streets in a dreadful condition, did the days work and the weeks ironing; Miss Vlate Young called, retired about 11

Thu 19th arose about 7. W. cloudy and very mild mud and snow and water plentiful; did cleaning and sewing, retired after 12.

Fri 20th arose before 7. W. very mild like spring, did housework all day, my little George Q. is eleven years old to day; Effie, Addie and George eat supper with us this eve; Georgie receives presents from all of them. We

spend the eve very pleasantly together; retire about 11.

Sat 21st arose about 7. W. mild and fine, did housework all day retired about 11.

Sun 22nd arose before 7. W. drizzly a.m. raining p.m. and eve. attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elders Arther. Staner, and O.F. Whitney spoke exclently. Accompanied by my Husband ate supper with Addie and her Husband and his father and Mother Prest A.M. and Sister Sarah M. Cannon. Spent the eve very pleasantly with Addie and Sister Cannon, the Gentlemen filling appointments as home Missionaries. Nephi and George Joined us about dark, returned home before 9. retired about 10.

Mon 23rd arose soon after 6. a.m. fine p.m. cloudy did housework till 4. p.m. spent the eve quietly at home read for the children in *Heroines of Mormondom*.² Retired at 10.30.

Tue 24th arose before 6. W. fine, did housework and ironing; repairing in the eve feel almost sick with fatague, retired about 10.

Wed 25th arose soon after 6. W. fine like spring, did housework a.m. spent p.m. with Effie. Aunt Nett called also Bro Jones as teacher. retired about 11.

Thu 2 th arose soon after 6. W. fine like spring did housework a.m. sewing p.m. Addie and her Husband called as they passed in a buggy this is Addies Birth day, may she live long and do well; retired before 12.

Fri 27th arose about 7. did repairing most of the day, at 3. oclock went to Primary meeting; transacted business in town; called on Sister Clawson. did repairing in the eve, Aunt Nett called; rain hail and snow to day, retired at 10.30.

Sat 28th arose at 5.30. W. fine and frosty, spent the day in cleaning, retired about 10. Sun

March 1885

Sun 1st arose about 6. W. fine atten to home affair a.m. Missess Verry Lufkin and Prudy Brown called at noon. Accompanied by little Kate and Aunt Nett went to the Tabrnacle p.m. Apostle John W. Taylor spoke Spent the eve at home Aunt Barbara, Addie and George called retired about 11.

Mon 2nd arose about 7 W. fine like spring did housework all day repairing in the eve, retired about 11.

Tue 3rd arose about 7. W. fine did housework and ironing. There is

2. Joseph Fielding Smith, *Heroines of Mormondom* (Salt Lake City, Juvenile Instructor Office, 1884). The second book in the Noble Women's Lives series, it contained essays on Mormon women.

dreadful news in to nights Paper of the trouble Great Britain in is; both at home and with Eygept, Russia and India.³ Also an Awful acconts of the Dinamites, and their proseedings in different parts of the World retired about 1. oclock.

Wed 4th arose at 6. W. fine, did housework, attended fast Meeting a.m. p.m. Aunt Nett and Rose called also Missess Eldredes and Ridges Did housework all day Mrs Lizzie Roberts formerly of Ogeden called retired about 10

Thu 5th arose about 6.30. W. fine did housework, attended Fast Meeting a.m. p.m. Aunt Nett and Rose, Missess Eldredge, and Ridges, and Bro G.C. Lambert called retired about 11

Fri 6th arose at 6. W. fine did house-work, attended Primary meeting we had six little Missionaries from the 19th Ward, had quiet a pleasant meeting retired about 11.

Sat 7th arose about 6. W. fine did housework all day Sister Grey called, retired after 11.

Sun 8th arose at 6.30. W. lovely attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elder H.W. Naisbit spoke attended Ward meeting in the eve Elder C.V. Spencer, and Prest A.M. Cannon spoke retired about 10.

Mon 9th arose at 5.30. W. lovely did housework and sewing Addie called. George attends a birthday party this eve retired before 11.

Tue 10th arose about 6.30. W. lovely, did housework and sewing; Sisters Rhodes latamer called retired before 11

Wed 11th arose before 7. rain dureing the night, a.m. fine, heavy rain p.m. Attended to home affairs a.m. p.m. took part in a surprise party on Sister Atty whos Husband has been sick for a good while, we had a very peasant time returned before dark. My Daughter Addie called this eve, retired about 9.

Thu 12th arose before 5. W. fine attended to home affairs a.m. my Sister called; accompanied her to visit Addie Effie and babes her little boys followed, we had a very peasant time. Poor Effie is very weak, and suffers much retired ~~before~~ about 10.

3. At the beginning of 1885, British Prime Minister Gladstone had the "most spectacular disaster of his administration." The Sudan, which had been under Egyptian rule, rose in revolt under the leadership of a local leader, the Mahdi. Because of public and royal pressure, Gladstone reluctantly agreed for General Charles Gordon to be sent to the Sudan. Due to a number of misunderstandings, Gordon raised troops against the Mahdi and was laid under seige. Gladstone delayed in sending troops to relieve Gordon, and when British troops finally arrived in the Sudan, Gordon was dead. Gladstone was blamed for Gordon's death by both the Queen and the public. On March 30, 1885, an attack by the Russians on the Afghanistan outpost of Penjdeh, which the British press termed "the gateway to India," gave Great Britain the opportunity to pull out of the Sudan. Wood, *Nineteenth Century Britain*, 320–24; *Deseret Evening News*, March 3, 1885.

Fri 13th arose at 5.30. W. fine, spent most of the day in cleaning. Attended Primary meeting Sister Jesse Jones called; retired about 10.

Sat 14th arose about 5. W. lovely, did housework a.m. attended Stake Conference p.m. retired about 10.

Sun 15th arose about 6. W. fine and warm. did housework a.m. attended Stake Con. p.m. and eve Aunt Nett called retired at 10.30

Mon 16th arose at 6. W. fine, did housework coloring and sewing. Heard my little class recite their dialogue,⁴ retired after 10.

Tue 17th arose at 6. W. fine, did housework and coloring, retired before 12.

Wed 18th arose before 6. W. fine did housework and coloring, heard the Primary members rehearse their dialogue retired about 10.

Thu 19th arose before 6. did housework and ironing; Sister Rhodes called. Heard the children recited wonce more; retired about 11.

Fri 20th arose before 6. W. fine, did housework and attended Relief Society Conference, the speakers a.m. were Sister Horne and Helen Mar [Kimball] Whitney p.m. Sisters Elmina Taylor Rachel [Ridgway Ivins] Grant Hannah T. King Sisters Willcox, Carrington B.W. [Bathsheba Wilson Bigler] Smith and M.T. Horne there was a crowded house, and an excellent spirit prevailed. Addie and her Husband called retired about 11.

Sat 21st arose about 6. rain and thunder about 4. o'clock. a.m. wet; attended Primary Conference a.m. full house pleasant time p.m. fine, did housework coloring and repairing, retired about 10.30.

Sun 22nd arose about 6.30. W. cloudy and cold did housework a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were for Bp Preston and Apostle Carrington Attended Ward meeting in the eve, Elder Wm Eddington spoke read for the children from the testament, retired about 9.

Mon 23rd 5.30. W. fine, rather cold, did housework and repairing; the children attend a surprise party on their brother John. who is fifteen years old to day, retired after 11.

Tue 24th arose at 5.30. W. fine, spent a.m. in cleaning, did repairing and cutting out, Sisters Rhodes and Atty, called also my daughter Addie who looks well and happy bless her footsteps, retired about 11.

Wed 25th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework a.m. spent p.m. with Sister Morgan spent the evening in a closet, came home about 11. got in the house through the butery window. found the dear children asleep and all right thank God.

Thu 26th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework and the weeks ironing, Aunt Barbara and my Daughter Addie called retired after 10.

4. Elocution was a key part of the Primary Association's curriculum during this time period. Mary Lois mentioned helping children practice and recite dialogues and speeches a number of times while she served as president of the Fifteenth Ward Primary Association. Derr, "Sisters and Little Saints," 79.

Fri 27th arose about 6. W. fine did housework and sewing Addie and her Husband called retired at 10.30.

Sat 28th arose soon after 6. W. fine, spent the day in cleaning retired about 10.

Sun 29th arose before 5. W. warm attended to home affairs a.m. spent p.m. at home guarding the children. My Daughter Addie and Miss Maud [M.] Hiskey called, went to Ward meeting in the eve, Apostle John W. Taylor spoke, retired about 9.

Mon 30th arose about 6. W. warm, did housework all day, sewing in the eve; Aunt Barbara called retired about 11.

Tue 31st arose before 6. W. warm, cloudy p.m. did housework all day, spent a.m. in cooking p.m. in cleaning retired about 11. ~~Wed~~

April 1885

Wed 1st arose before 6. rain falling all night a.m. wet, p.m. fine, did housework and the weeks ironing, my Daughter Addie, and Sister Rhodes called, retired about 11.

Thu 2nd arose before 6. W. fine attended Fast Meeting a.m. attended to home affairs p.m. heard my little folks recite their dialogue; went with them over to Sister Jones

Fri 3rd arose before 6. W. fine, did housework and sewing; attended Primary meeting, got along pretty well, retired about 9. Addie called p.m. bless her.

Sat 4th arose before 6. W. cloudy did housework all day, Mr and Mrs James Corlet of Cedar City dined with me, retired before 12.

Sun 5th arose at 6. beautiful rain last night. W. damp, rain p.m. Attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elders David Candland and B.H. [Brigham Henry] Roberts spoke most grandly. attended Ward meeting Elders Eardly and Ure and another Elder spoke exelently retired about 10.

Mon 6th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework and sewing, retired before 11.

Tue 7th arose before 6. W warm rain this eve; spent the day in cleaning; Sister Burgoyne called this eve bless her. Have had a hint to keep quiet am writeing in a secluded room with my book upon my lap; Curious times there! when honorable people have to keep out of the way of vilians; our brethren ar being arrested almost daily; our leaders have to hide away, our General Conference is held in logan this spring what may occur by fall conference we know not.⁵ Retired at 10.

5. The Fifty-fifth General Conference of the LDS church was held from April 4 to April 6, 1885, in Logan, Utah. Although the conference is traditionally held in Salt Lake City, between 1884 and 1887 General Conferences were held in Logan, Provo, and

wed 8th arose before 5. W. fine p.m. cloudy a.m. rain at early dawn. Did housework and ironing; have been ironing for several hours in a darkened room. Am now in a secluded room with my book upon my lap; have heard that my Daughter Addie and her Husband are supnaed Sister Bromble called retired after 10.

Thu 9th arose before 5. W. fine spent the day with my Husbands Sisters, deeming it wisdom to retire from view retired about 11.

Fri 10th arose about 6. W. fine, spent a good deal of the day in social chat; did some sewing, my Husband called to see me, retired before 10.

Sat 11th arose about 5. W. fine, came home about 8.30. did housework and transacted in town. met Mr Bently who greeted me most cordially came home about 9. retired after 12

Sun 12th arose about 6. W. showery attended p.m. meeting for a while; Delegate Cain and Apostle John Henry smith spoke. Mr Bently Addie and George and Aunt Nett and Rose and Sister Bramble called retired about 9.30.

Mon 13th arose at 3.30. W. showery, did housework most of the day, we are trying to celebrate little Katies birthday; which occurred last Friday but I was not permitted to be with her; Addie did not forget her but presented her with a beautiful gold ring. George and Addie sup with us this eve in honor of the occasion, retired about 10. Effie being too feeble to endure the damp weather. so we had to content ourselves without her dear company.

Tue 14th arose at 5.25. W. very showery, spent most of the day in cleaning. My Husband has thought it wisdom to absent himself from this part of his family, on account of the acts of the wicked;⁶ retired about 9.30.

Wed 15th arose about 6. a.m. showery, p.m. fine did housework and the weeks ironing Aunt Barabar called, retired about 9.30

Thu 16th arose at 5.30. W showery and rather cold, spent a.m. in cleaning. p.m. in cutting out and shirt making retired after 10.

Fri 17th arose at 4.25. W. cooler and cloudy did housework and sewing; Sister Lizzie Roberts called attended Primary p.m. had quite a pleasant

Coalville to prevent the arrest of those attending. Few church leaders were able to venture out of hiding to attend the conferences. Allen and Leonard, *Story of the Latter-day Saints*, 407.

6. Elias Morris's decision to limit his interactions from this time with Mary Lois and her family was no doubt due to the increasing prosecution of polygamists begun in 1884 by Judge Charles Zane. Although Mary Lois recorded in her diary that she and Elias decided to separate on April 14, 1885, when her husband was prosecuted for illegal cohabitation in 1887, she testified that the decision to separate had been made in the beginning of 1883, at her request. This entry in her diary clearly shows that she perjured herself in her court testimony to prevent her husband from being convicted of illegal cohabitation and sent to jail.

time, Elias Jones called retired ~~soon after~~ before 10

Sat 18th arose at 4.15. did cleaning, transacted business in town, attended 14th Ward meeting a good spirit prevailed. Accompanied my Husband to the farm for a drive, W. fine rather cold. retired very late.

Sun 19th arose about 6. W cloudy rather cold attended to home affairs a.m. at noon Mr Bently called to say good bye, ate luncheon with us. At 12.30 attended the funeral of Sister Clara [Lucinda] Jones Young. who died on friday 17th inst. the house was beautifully draped in white and flowers by loveing hands; the speakers were Bp. O.F. Whitney, Seamore B. [Seymour Bicknell] Young and Prest A.M. Cannon. Attended Ward meeting in the eve G.C. Lambert and R. B. Young spoke excelently, retired about 10.

Mon 20th arose about 5. W. wet Did housework and repairing. Little Kate sick with sore thoat and fever, administered holy oil to her last night, she will recover; steamed her to night, Addie and George called this eve, retired about 10.

Tue 21st arose about 5. W. cloudy, did housework and coloring, Katie almost well. retired about 10.

Wed 22nd arose about 5. a.m. cloudy snow hail and rain; did housework and sewing Addie called snow set in at eve, retired about 10.

Thu 23rd arose before 6. snow on the ground warter pouring off the houses, attended to home affairs a.m. at 12. noon went to visit my Daughter Effie, found her feeling better, accompanied her to visit my Daughter Addie had a pleasant time, returned before dark, heard of the death of my little Nephew Richard Isaac Morris. Retired before 10.

Fri 24th arose soon after 5. frost on the ground, did housework and the weeks ironing attended primary meeting got along very well; Aunt Barbara and Aunt Nett called this p.m. Addie and George this eve; little Kate is haveing a happy to night with cos Winnie Jones, retired about 11.

Sat 25th arose soon after 5. W. fine, about 9.30. accompanied Aunt Barbara to the funeral of our little Nephew Richard Isaac Morris. Bro G G. Bywater spoke most eloquently Prest A.M. Cannon followed; followed the remanis to the grave called on my Neice Mrs Tibbs found her Husband better Attended to home affairs, Addie called retired about 10.

Sun 26th arose soon after 5. W. fine, attended to home affairs a.m. before 12. went up to Aunt Lavinia Morris's to help about prepareing Little Vinnie Vaughan for burial assisted Sister Griev to dress and put her in the coffin, she died ~~last night~~ yesterday about 4. p.m. Came home about 6. found George sick with sore throat and fever, anointed him with holy oil and admistered to him in the name of the Lord and steamed him. he now sleeps sweetly. About 10. oclock his father came home from Aunt Hattie's whos little daughter Louie died about 8 oclock this eve He also administered to him; retired about 11.

Mon 27th arose before 6. George better for which I feel to prais and thank my Heavenly Father, Nepi had violent pain in his foot dureing the night, had to arise and admisister to him also; ~~his father also admisistered to little George~~ Did housework most of the day retired at 9.30.

Tue 28th arose at 5.30 a.m. fine, p.m. cloudy, windy and Wet in the eve; At 10 a.m. took the car to attend the funeral of little Louie [Louise Gould Morris] infant daughter of R.V. and Hattie C. Morris who died on Sat 25th inst about 8. p.m. The speakers were Bp Watson Bro Joseph Watson and Elias Morris, the speaking was intresting the singing delightful attended to home affairs p.m. writeing in the eve retired at 10.30.

Wed 29th arose at 5.20. gentle rain falling, day fine, did housework and repairing, Addie called this eve retired about 9.30.

Thu 30th arose about 5.15. W. lovely At 10. a.m. accompanied by Sister Thompson called on Hattie Franklin Page who is sorely afflicted, called on Annie Waterfall, before noon went to Effie's to assist in cutting carpet rags, returned home about six B & Jones called as teachers, Sister Thompson called. Yesterday the trial of Prest A.M. Cannon which which began on monday the ~~29~~ 27th inst, came to an end, and he was found Guilty of liveing with his ~~Wife~~ ~~wives~~ Wives and provideing for his children; he receives sentens on the 8th on May next⁷ retired at ~~9.30~~: retired about 10.

May 1885

Fri 1st arose at 5. W. lovely, attended Stake Conference all day, ~~did housework all d~~ the spirit of God was poured out upon the people. Prest A.M. Cannon and others spoke beautifully. Did housework and repairing retired about 10.

Sat 2nd arose before 5. W. fine, spent a.m. in cleaning p.m. attended a Mass Meeting, if one of if not the grandest Mass Meeting ever held on this earth. It was a declaration of the greivences and sfferings of the Latter Day Saints. and a Protest against said greivences. The speaking was grandly eloquent, patriotic and fearless inspired by a spirit of freedom which comes from allmight God. The speakers were John T. Caine, Bp O.F. Whitney, John Q. Cannon, Mayor James Shoop, S.F. Richards Junius F. [Free] Wells and B.H. Roberts.⁸ Attended to home affairs, retired before 12.

7. The trial of Angus Munn Cannon took place on April 27 and 28, 1885, in the Third District Court in Salt Lake City. The jury found Cannon guilty of unlawful cohabitation. *Chronology*, 120.

8. The April 1885 General Conference in Logan appointed a committee to draft a protest to the president and people of the United States, "setting forth in detail the wrongs the people of Utah had suffered . . . and 'asking for the same treatment to which other citizens of the United States were entitled.'" This committee reported to a mass

Sun 3rd arose at 6. W. fine attended Conference all day the speakes a.m. were Semore Young Kimball p.m. John Nicholson and H.J. Grant tounge can hardly describe how Grand the speaking was, it met with such an ~~eccho~~ echo in the hearts of the people that they broke out in applause, In the evening Prest A.M. Cannon delivered his farewell address in the Tabernacle, it was a History of his life, and was eloquent and pathetic. On the eighth inst he receives his sentence. from the Court for living with and supporting his Wives and children. This day about 2. p.m. Nellie Gray died suddenly, Retired about 10.

Mon 4th arose at 6. a.m. fine, p.m. cloudy ~~leg~~ thunder and rain this eve. At 10. oclock attended the funeral of Nellie Grey. The speakers were Elders George Swan Frank Armstrong and Bp Pollard. Attended to home affairs p.m. Addie and Sister Foster and Parker called retired soon after 9.

Tue 5th arose at 4. spent most of a.m. in cleaning, at 3. p.m. attended a special meeting called by a number of Sisters to express their and sympathies feelings, an excelent spirit prevailed and all felt blessed and glad of the pleasure of attending. came home about 6. continued visiting retired about 10 W. fine.

Wed 6th arose soon after 4. W. fine, Wrote a letter to A.M.C. did not send it. In the eve wrote a letter to Logan about Temple work. Did housework all day, retired before 12.

Thu 7th arose soon after 5. attended fast meeting a.m. did housework p.m. Mrs Becca Roberts and Rhodes. and Miss Burgess called retired about 9.

Fri 8th arose before 5. our beloved Bro Cannon receives his sentence tomorrow. Began housecleaning to day. Sister Mclane called; George sick to night with sore throat and fever, his father adminstered to him retired after 11.

Sat 9th arose about 6. W. fine, dreadful rain last night accompanied by lightning and thunder. Little George is better Thank God. Prest A.M. Cannon Eders A.M. Musser and James C. Watson received their sentence to day went to the Pen My Husband rode out with them; may God bless them with the spirit of pease.⁹ Retired before 12.

Sun 10th arose about 6. W. fine and cool, attended to home affairs a.m. George better. attended Tabernacle p.m. Bp Whitney spoke. Mrs Harrison and Florance Ridges called retired about 10.

meeting held in the Tabernacle on May 2, 1885. At the meeting, the declaration of grievances and the protest drafted by the committee were adopted unanimously by the audience of seven or eight thousand people. Following the adoption of the declaration, John T. Caine, John W. Taylor, and John Q. Cannon were chosen to travel to Washington, D.C., and present the protest to the president of the United States. *Comp. History*, 6:149–51.

9. Angus Munn Cannon, Amos Milton Musser, and James C. Watson were sentenced on May 9, 1885, to six months' imprisonment, fined three hundred dollars for unlawful cohabitation, and sent to the penitentiary.

Mon 11th arose at 5.30. W. fine, continued housecleaning, read and wrote in the eve; retired after 10.

~~*Tue 12th* arose at 5.30. a.m. fine p.m. cold and d wet Continued housecleaning. Attended Primary Meeting had a good time; cran founded an Immigration Fund; recived some contributions Transacted Business in town~~

Tue 12th arose at 5.30. W. fine did housework and ironing, retired about 11.

Wed 13th arose about 6. a.m. fine p.m. and cold. heavy rain in the eve, continued housecleaning. Attended Primary Meeting, had a good time Founded an Immigration Fund to which the children seemed pleased to contribute Transacted business in town. retired after 11.

Thu 14th arose about 5.30. W. fine but cold, fires and winter clothing comfortable. Effie, Addie, George, and his Mother Mrs Sarah Cannon, Aunts Amanda and Clara Cannon, Aunts Aggie Pratt and Barbara Jones and Aunt Nettie Coslett are invited to celebrate my fiftyeth birthday. We had a pleasant time, received a beautiful presant from my Son George M. Cannon the guests retire about 10. Retired about 10 Mr Stringe. and Aunt Clara Loveridge abid with us to night

Fri 15th arose before 6. W. fine but cold, fires pleasant Aunt Clare Loveridge stayed with use to day. Feel over done and unfit for work to day obliged to rest a good deal. To day the trial between my Husband and the Mammoth Mineing Company begins;¹⁰ passed off favourable to day to of the witnesses for the defence abide with me, retired before 11.

Sat 16th arose befor soon after 5. W. fine did housework most of the day Spent a while at the 14th Ward meeting; visited the grand Art reception at Young Bros sewing Machine Rooms Aunt Nett called, retired about 11.

Sun 17th arose at 6. W. cold and wet, attended to home affairs all day, attended Ward meeting in the eve, the speakers were Elders Thomas Harris John Sudaway and Partrage To day my Husband and many bretheren and sisters visited Prest A.M. Cannon. at the Pen. Sisters Duncanson took flowers and birthday cake to him ~~he~~ he is fifty ~~two~~ one years old to day. retired at 12.

Mon 18th arose at 6. rain falling, day fine but cold, did housework and sewing retired at 9.30.

10. Elias Morris was suing the Mammoth Mining Company for about thirty-seven thousand dollars that he claimed was owed for a building job that his company did for the Mammoth mine. The Mammoth mine, located in the Tintic Mining District in Juab County, Utah, contained gold, silver, lead, copper, and bismuth. During the trial in the Third District Court, the defendants claimed that "they cannot be held responsible for the contracts made by their manager, and on this ground are seeking to place the responsibility of payment upon H. M. B. Johnstone." The case went to trial four times without being decided, before it was finally settled out of court on May 5, 1887. *Deseret Evening News*, May 15, 1885; Romney, *The Gospel in Action*, 123.

Tue 19th arose at 6. W. fine and rather cold, my Sister and Aunt Clara Loveridg called this p.m. did housework most of the day. repairing in the eve retired about 11.

Wed 20th arose about 6. W. fine did housework all day my daughter Addie called; all the evedence is in, in the Mamoth Mineing Case. Retired about 10.30

Thu 21st arose at 6. W. fine but rather cold, did housework all day, Addie spent p.m. with us, did repairing in the eve, retired about 10.30

Fri 22nd arose about 6. W. fine but cold, Did housework and repairing. At 3. p.m. attend Primary Meeting had an intresting time prevaled on the children to speak. Transacted business in town. Received a note from Logan. The Mamoth Mineing case closed last night, one descending Juror causing the eleven to be locked up all night and the case to be thrown over till next september. Miss Frankland and Mrs Rhodes called retired at 11.

Sat 23rd arose soon after 5. Bros Bakr and Stringer returned home on the earley Train. day fine did housework and repairing Aunt Nett and Aunt Clara Loveridg called retired before 12. ~~Sun~~

Sun 24th arose about 6. W. fine. About 9. a.m. accompanied my husband to the Penitentiary, it did afforded me great pleasure to graps the hand and see the face of our beloved President A.M. Cannon. and his Bretheren. They seemed happy and cheerful, there was a great crowd to greet them and present them with flowers and other tokens of love; we also saw Miss Devrane and her babe. Attended Tabernacle meeting Prest A.M. Cannon and Apostle J.W. Taylor spoke Spent the eve at home to take care of Nephi retired about 9.

Mon 25th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework all day. Aunt Clar loverdge came this eve. Accompanied by little Kate. Aunt Nett, my neice florence Ridges and Rose Thompson attends a Grand Concert given by Bro Evan Stevens before his departure for the East to his feild of study. retired after 12.

Tue 26th arose about 6. W. fine. attended to home affairs a.m. about 2 p.m. went to Fullers Hill. most of the folks proseeded me had a pleasant time met Effie and babes; poor child she looks very thing and pale, as if she could not stay along here, unless there is a change Sister Rhodes called, retired about 11.

Wed 27th arose about 6. W. fine Aunt Clara went off on the earley Train. Did more housecleaning. Effie and little boys called this eve it was hard for me to keep the tears back while looking upon her. Retired about 11.

Thu 28th arose before 6. W. quit warm, did housework and coloring, Addie called retired about 10.30.

Fri 29th arose about 5. W. warm spent a.m. in cleaning, at 3. oclock attended Primary meeting, was led to speak on natural history. also from the Book of Mormon. The children were much intrested and felt

very happy, on little girl (caroline) arose and spoke of her own accord Transacted business in town. Addie spent the eve with us, her Husband being bussy at the Court House. Retired about 11.

Sat 30th arose before 5. W. warm. did housework a.m. Mr David Williams, Addie's old admrer called, had a pleasant chat with him. Went for a drive in the eve, retired about 12. ~~June 1885~~

Sun 31st arose before 6. W. warm attended to home affairs a.m. stayed at home p.m. to take care of Nephi attended Ward meeting in the eve Elders Andrew Jensen and Thedore Meane spoke. Wrote to Sister Rowe. Called on Bro and Sister Willson retired about 11

June 1885

Mon 1st arose about 6. W. warm, did housework and sewing, spent p.m. with Effie, she seemed better before we left, Addie called while we were there. Aunt Nett called this eve, retired about 11.

Tue 2nd arose about 6. W. warm, did housework and sewing. Miss F. Ridges and A. Waterfall called retired about 11.

Wed 3rd arose about 5.30. W. very warm, did housework and sewing. Sister Donovan called this a.m. presented me a boquett of beautiful flowers. p.m. went to the funeral of Sister Harriet Hughes who died Bro Wm Burton and Fred Morga called this eve retired about 10.30.

Thu 4th arose about 6 W. very warm attended Fast meeting had a good time At the close of the meeting Bp Pollard said that hundreds of our Ward would fall away from the faith and that famin would soon come upon the land advised all to store up bread stuffs. Attendede to home affairs retired about 10.30.

Fri 5th arose about 4. rain began to fall at that time, lightning thunder and wind part of the night Did housework and repairing. Attended Primary meeting had a good time. Visited Bro. and Sister Shillds as new comers, had a very peasant interview with them, ~~transacted~~ they appreciated our attention toward them transacted business in town called on Bro Jones retired about ~~10~~ 10. rain all day

Sat 6th arose about 6. W. cold and damp, spent a.m. in cleaning. p.m. took little Kate to attend a singing class transacted business in town. At 9 p.m. attended an ince cream and strawberry supper at my daughter Addie's My Husband and little Kate and George were with me, A good many of the Cannon family were there returned home before 12 retired about 12.

Sun 7th arose about 7. W. cold but pretty fine winter clothes and fires pleasant spent the day at home Attended Ward meeting in the eve Rodney [Rodney Carlos] Badger spoke. Cousin Becca called. Winnie stayed over night retired about ~~11~~ 11.

Mon 8th arose before 5 W. cloudy and cold; fires and winter clothing very pleasant. Did housework and sewing; Aunt Nett called this eve. Addie and George drove by. Nephi and George began work to day retired about 10.

Tue 9th arose soon after 6. W. fine, spent most of the day in dressmaking, Addie called this p.m. Addie and George called to night about 11.30. retired after 12. looked over several volumes of Juverniles

Wed 10th arose before 6. W. fine did housework most of the day retired after ten.

Thu 11th arose about 6. W. pleasant did housework and the weeks ironing, Mr M. spent the eve with us in peasant converse retired about 11.

Fri 12th arose about 6. W fine, at 10. went to see the Circus parade Transacted business in town, met many friends. At 3. p.m. attended Primary, got along very well At 5. p.m. my Sister called about 7.30 accompanied by little Kate attended the Circus; returned after 11. accompanied by the boys. Retired after 12.

Sat 13th arose about 7. W. fine spent a.m. in cleaning, p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting Called on Bro at the Juvenile Office presented an Historic sketch in rhyme. Aunt Nett called did repairing in the eve, retired after 12.

Sun 14th arose about 7. W. fine mostly attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Bro Nicholson spoke with great power, had an intresting chat with Sister Ross. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Elders Elias Morris and Joseph O. Young spoke; retired about 11

Mon 15th arose about 6. W. fine, Did housework, ironing, and repairing, retired about 12.

Tue 16th arose before 6. did housework all day have been sick all day retired about 10. or 11.

Wed 17th arose about 9.30 W. fine spent a night of suffering. did housework a.m. p.m. too sick to work. Evening much worse Cousins Richard and Sallie Morris called also Aunt Nett who put me through a cours of treatment reposed about 11.

Thu 18th spent another night of suffering, am excessively drowsy and in pain. My Daughter Addie called also Sister Rhodes reposed about 11.

Fri 19th still in great distress. p.m. have serious thoughts about leaving this world. Evening Addie and George called also Sister Rodes who to treat me.

Sat 20th feel better for the treatment; am determined to arise though very weak, do some sewing and attempt to work; Sister Duncanson called, had an intresting chat with her, is much pleased with the verses I wrote for her, wants them prepared for the Press. My daughter Addie called also my Nephew's Elias Jones. and Willford Ridghes retired about 11.

Sun 21st arose about 4. having spent a miserable night. Slight shower yesterday. W. fine to day very cloudy this eve and cold. Began to work early this morning feel thankful to do so though in great weakness. Addie and

George. Aunt Nett and Rose and Carrie Williams supped. with us. ~~feel~~
 Feel extremely weak this eve, have not eaten a meal since last tues day
 morning it seems as if my right arm would sink from my body after retire-
 ing which we effected about 11.

Mon 22nd at 5.30. heavy rain thunder and lightening a.m. did housework
 most of the day, Aunt Barabara called to see me this p.m. Retired at 12.
 feeling sadly tired.

Tue 23rd arose about 6.20. W. lovely, the Old Folks go out for recreation
 to day. Did ~~housework~~ housework retired at 10

24th writeing and a good deal of housework Effie and little Marvin [Owen
 Ashton] called. How sweet is the recompense of reward! having striven
 to keep the commandments of God and taught the same to my children,
 they in turn are seeking His approbation; Oh how much better than to
 grovel with the wicked, though we do pass through firey trials. Effie and
 little Marve take a long drive with her father retired at 10.

Thu 25th arose abot 6. W. lovely. Did housework and ironing, retired
 about 10. almost sick with fatugue.

Fri 26th arose after 6. W. fine Did housework a.m. cleaning p.m. also
 attended Primary had quit a pleasant meeting; feel blessed in trying to
 benefit others. Aunt Nett called this eve on business retired about 12.

Sat 27th arose about 6. W. quite warm. At 10. a.m. went to Primary
 Conference reported my Ward. Transacted business p.m. attended to
 home affairs. Aunt called this eve. Mr Thompson also my husband joined
 them retired after 1. oclock.

Sun 28th arose after 7. W. hot attended to home affairs a.m. went to the
 Tabernacle p.m. Elders C.R.Savage and H.J. Grant spoke. Met Bro J.S.
 Lewis after meeting; Aunt Nett accompanied me home, spent the eve at
 home trying to rest, retired about 10.

Mon 29th arose at 6. W. hot did housework and sewing retired about 11.

Tue 30th arose about 6.30. W. very hot a.m. W.cloudy p.m. water day rather
 cooler to day. Did housework and took care of fruit. My Husband is sixty
 years old to day; may heaven bless and guide him in future as it has in the
 past. retired about 12.

July 1885

Wed 1st arose about 6. W. quite hot, did housework fruit caning and sew-
 ing Sister Foster called; Aunt Nett came to stay with us for a while, she is
 in a very weak condition retired about 11.

Thu 2nd arose about 6.30 W. hot, did housework all day Rosy Thompson
 called Aunt Lavinia dined with us Bros Burton and Morgan called as
 teachers, retired after 12.

Fri 3rd arose at 6. W. very hot, did housework and sewing, transacted business up town, also attended Primary meeting retired after 12.

Sat 4th arose after 7. W. very hot worked until 5. p.m. rested and read, spent the eve on the porch singing with Aunt Nett, the eve being delightfully cool, retired about 11.

Sun 5th arose about 6.30. W. hot did housework a.m. rested p.m. do not feel able to walk to the Tabernacle; attended Ward meeting in the eve Semore B. Young spoke, he also poke in the Tabernacle very grandly this p.m. Addie and George called this eve. Called on Effie this eve found her cheerful thank God, hope she will pull through yet retired about 11.

Mon 6th arose at 6.30. W. hot did housework most of the day. Accompanied my Husband and his other wife to the Theatre to hear Mrs Belva A [Ann Bennett] Lockwood on Life in Washington.¹¹ She is a concise elegant speaker Retired about 12. Aunt Nett is very ill to day has been heald by the laying on of hands.

Tue 7th arose between 6. and 7. heat 90 deg in the shade, did a good deal of cleaning retired about 10.

Wed 8th arose about 6. W. hot did a good deal of cleaning and other work, Aunt Nett much better Mr Thompson called yesterday. Aunt Nett was better but very weak; to day she trys to work retired about 11.

Thu 9th arose before 7. W. very hot and debirtaling did housework and helped with a large ironing retired about 10.

Thu Fri 10th arose about 6. pouring rain thunder and lightening last night, At 9. a.m. took the cars for Lberty Park to spent the day with the Primary of the Ward, and many others of the Ward. Aunt Nett Joined us p.m. Effie and little boys joined us in the eve, came home before dark, retired after 10.

Sat 11 arose about 6. W. hot, did housework sewing, and transacted business in town retired after 1. oclock.

Sun 12th arose about 6.30. W. very hot, attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elders J.T. Caine and Jane F. Wells spoke with great power, Attended Ward meeting in the eve, Elders Walter Batie and C.W. Staner spoke excelently. retired after 10.

Mon 13th arose before 6. W. 1,00 deg, in shade, Did housework sewing and took care of fruit; Fancy has been very ill to day retired about 11.

Tue 14th arose at 5.30. W. hot did housework and ironing retired about 10. w

11. Belva Ann Bennett Lockwood (1830–1917) was the first woman lawyer admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. She was nominated as a candidate for president of the United States by the Equal Rights party in 1884 and 1888. As she frequently lectured on temperance and women's suffrage, the lecture attended by Mary Lois Morris most likely mentioned these issues. TCBD, 6:L.

Wed 15th arose at 5.30. W. not quite so hot, spent most of the day in cleaning. Aunt Nett after waiting nearly three weeks for her Husband to keep his promise, put her suit in the district Court¹² Addie and George called this eve retired about 11.

Thu 16th arose about 6, at 11. went to the funeral of Sister Bessie Price whose husband died about four years ago. Parley Price, and his babe died a month before him. At 2. p.m. attended the funeral of Father John Edwards, whose wife died nearly three years ago. Came home about 4. o'clock, did sewing and housework retired about 10.

Fri 17th was aroused at 3. o'clock disturbed till 5. arose about 6.30. W. hot did housework and dressmaking. also attended Primary meeting had a pleasant time; retired after 12.

Sat 18th arose about 7. W. hot, and windy p.m. transacted business in town a.m. Mr James Thompson called, Aunt Nette concluded to take her case out of the district Court Did housework and dressmaking retired after 12.

Sun 19th arose after 6. W. very hot. At 10. a.m. attended the funeral of Mrs Lavinia Carless [Lavinia Triplett Careless]. Morphene last Wednesday and died last Thursday¹³ the speakers were Elders C.R. Savage Fermoze Little and T.C. Griggs. Went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elder H.W. Naisbet spoke. attended Ward meeting in the Bp R.T. Burton spoke. retired about 10.

Mon 20th arose at 5.30. W. hot, did housework and sewing Mrs Cutler, Mrs Bowring and Mrs and Mrs Changler called retired at 2.30.

Tuesday 21st arose about 6.15. W. very hot, spent the day at Lake Point, with my children and most of the family Nephi joined us at 1. p.m. Addie and George in the eve, retired about 10.

Wed 22nd arose about 6. W. very hot. Did housework all day Aunt Nett has gone to assist Mrs Cutler to day, retired about 10.

Thu 23rd before 6. W. hot, did a good deal of cleaning and other work Aunt Nett called this eve. General Grant died at 8. minutes past 8. this a.m.¹⁴ retired about 10.

12. Jennette Cosslett (Aunt Nett) married James Thompson in 1868. The two were later divorced, and this suit seems to be about the divorce. As Mary Lois refers to Cosslett by her maiden name as early as 1879, it is likely the couple had already separated at that time. Although Cosslett puts her suit in district court on this date, three days later, on July 18, 1885, she decided to withdraw it from district court.

13. Lavinia Triplett Careless (1841–1885), the wife of George Careless and “one of the finest singers in the Territory,” died from poisoning on July 16, 1885, in Salt Lake City. *Chronology*, 122.

14. On July 24, 1885, the flag was flown at half-mast in Salt Lake City in mourning for ex-president and Civil War general Ulysses S. Grant, who died the day before in Mt. McGregor, New York. *Comp. History*, 6:162.

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S.L. City July 24th 1885¹⁵*

July 1885

Fri 24th arose before 5. W. hot, p.m. cloudy sprinkling rain and wind. Did housework until 5. p.m. Nephi accompanied by Gorden Linsy, Johnnie and other boys spent last night in Parley's Canyon, came home about noon to day General Grant died yesterday. Princess Beatrice was married yesterday she is the youngest daughter of Queen Victoria of England¹⁶ spent the eve at home, read for the children from the Juvenile Instructor. Nephi attends the Theatre this eve. Retired about 12.

Sat 25th arose before 6. W. warm and windy, spent most of the day in cleaning, also did the weeks ironing. Addie spent the eve with us also Aunt Nett. George called. retired about 12. ~~Sun~~

Sun 26th arose about 6. W. hot. attended to home affairs a.m. spent p.m. and eve at home wrote a long letter to my brother. Addie George and Aunt Nette supped with us retired after 11.

Mon 27th arose before 6. did housework and sewing retired about 10.

15. The following document in Mary Lois Morris's handwriting is inserted within the microfilm of her diaries at this point: "Written on the sight of the City of Navu An Extract from an Epistle of the twelve apostles greeting to all the Elders and saints throughout the world Bring no railing accusation against your brethren, especially take care that you do not against the authorities or elders of the Church. For the principle is of the devil. He is called the accuser of the bretheren and Michael the archangel dared not bring a railing accusation against the devil but said, The Lord rebuke thee Satan; and any man who persues this course of accusation and murmuring will fall into the snare of the devil, and and apostatize accept he repent." This excerpt, written on a separate piece of paper and inserted into the microfilm of the diaries, is from an epistle by the LDS church's twelve apostles addressed "To the Elders of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, to the Church Scattered Abroad and to All the Saints." The epistle, which was written around July 1839, contains a number of exhortations to the Latter-day Saints to be faithful in their time of trial. It also instructs the LDS church members that even though they have "been driven from their homes" and "robbed of their possessions," they should not seek vengeance against their oppressors. The epistle is signed by six members of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. *History of Church*, 3:393-97.

16. Princess Beatrice (1857-1944), the youngest daughter of Queen Victoria of England and Prince Albert, married Prince Henry of Battenberg (1858-1896) on July 23, 1885. Many viewed the marriage as a "mésalliance," as the German prince Henry had little political significance or wealth. *New York Times*, July 24, 1885; Allison and Riddell, *The Royal Encyclopedia*, 46.

Tue 28th arose at 5. W. continues very hot. Did housework and a good deal of ironing, retired after 11.

Wed 29th arose about 5 W. hot did housework and ironing Aunt Nett and Sister Jones called, the former sent a note to Wm C. Mo. Winnie Jones stays with little Kate to night retired after 10.

Thu 30th arose at 5.30. W. very hot, did housework all day. retired about 10.

Fri 31st arose about 5. W. hot as ever, did housework and a good deal cleaning, retirede about 11 attended Primary had a plasant time

August 1885

Sat 1 arose about 6. W. hot little Kate sick in the night transacted business a.m. spent p.m. in cleaning, retired after 10.

Sun 2nd arose before 7. W. hot, little Kate sick again, last night, administered holy oil to her in the name of the Lord, she rested well afterwards is better this a.m. Did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Elders R. Badger and G G. Bywater spoke. spent the eve at home guarding the children. Aunt Nett supped with us Addie, George and Aunt Barbara called. Aunt Nett attended the Court of arbitration between her self and husband. Retired about 10.

Mon 3rd arose at 5.30. W.hot did housework and repairing and some packing for Park City Aunt Nett came to stay with us to night from Mrs Cuttlers. retired about 11. ~~Tu before 6~~

Tue 4th arose before 6. W. very hot and sultry, did housework all day. My Husband and his other family started for Parley's Park at 5.30. p.m. Thunder lightning and slight shower this eve, retired about 10.

Wed 5th arose at 5.30. W. hot as useal. Did housework and repairing, retired about 10. Thunder lightning and rain in the eve.

Thu 6th arose before 5. W. cooler, did housework and the weeks ironing and repairing. Aunt Barbara and Bro Lisday called. Thunder Lightening and sprinkleing of rain this eve retired about 11.

Fri 7th arose about 6.30. sadly tired ~~od~~ obliged to rest a.m. Attended to home affairs; attend Primary meeting had a plasant time, Addie and George called this eve bless them! retired about 11.

Sat 8th arose about 6. W. much cooler, at 10. attended the Grant Memorial sevices, spent p.m. in cleaning, spent the eve with Addie and George, Aunt Nett and little Kate accompanied me; they and Abram H. Cannon engaged in a game of Cro[quet]¹⁷ returned about 9 retired about 10.

Sun 9th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework a.m. rested p.m. felt uable

17. Mary Lois is most likely referring to the game of croquet, which became popular in America in the 1880s. Schlereth, *Victorian America*, 135, 211.

to go to the Tabernacle, guarded the children read from the Contributor and the Evening News Addie and George called, also Miss Valate Young Aunt Nett accompanied the latter home. Read for the children from the bible retired about 10.

Mon 10th arose early W. hot did housework and washed bedding did repairing. My Nephew Elias Morris arrived from Park City bearing a letter to me from my husband, retired about 10.

Tue 11th arose about 5. W. cooler, days are shortening, did housework all day Nephi and George left for Park City early this a.m. Aunt Nette and addie and George called this eve, retired about 10.

Thurs Wed 12th arose before 4. W. fine, washed a great many sacks. did a good deal of cleaning. Received complemantery tickets to attend the Music Hall, to witness The Mirror of Ireland and Fresh comicalities retired before 12.

Thu 13th arose about 6.30. sadly tired. Did housework a.m. Spent p.m. with Addie in company Aunts S.M. Amanda and Clara Cannon also Sister Mary Grey. Aunt lavinia Morris Cousin Orvin Morris. My Daughter Effie Ashton and little Marvin. Bro Abram and Sister Mina Cannon. Joined in a game of started home before ten, Addie and Aunt Lavinia sang very sweetly for us out of the Lawn, retired about 11.

Fri 14th arose at 5.30 did housework a.m. housecleaning p.m. also attended Primary meeting has a good time retired about 10.

Sat 15th arose about 6 W. 1,00 deg and 4. deg in the shade yesterday. W. very hot to day. did housework all day, Aunt Barbara called also Bro Giaque. recived a letter from Sister Clara Pratt, and a note from my husband, retired at 11.

Sun 16th arose about 4.30. W. hot did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Elder Wm Fotheringham whom came from prison last week his discours was a grand sketch of history by the inspireation of God. Attended Ward meeting in the eve, Bp Pollard and his Concilers spoke Aunt Nett came from B.B. Young's retired about 11.

Mon 17th arose about 5.30. W. very hot. transacted business up town a.m. did dressmakeing and housework p.m. Philip Hall and John S. Evans called retired about 11.

Mon Tue 18th arose soon after 5. nights hot days hot, did housework and repairing. In the eve accompanied Aunt Nett to Bro Giles to practice her song for the Welsh reunion and Concert retired about 11.

Wed 19th arose at 5.25. W. hot night and day. Spent most of the day in cleaning, did sewing also and ironing. My Husband and his other Wife and his daughters Nellie and Josey, came in eve from Park City, Sister Harriet Parry joined ~~us~~ them on the rout. Retired after 12.

Thu 20th arose before 6. W. cooler shower this a.m. did housework a.m. a.m. and ironing. spent most of the afternoon at fullers Hill joining in the

Welch reunion.¹⁸ had quiet a pleasant time, my Husband was very Happy, it was a general time of rejoicing and sociability I and the children Aunt and my husband had the pleasure of walking home also Mr Bynon the Oritor of the day, reached home ~~ab~~ about 11. retired before 12.

Fri 21st arose before 7. W. cooler and breezey did housework and attended Primary had a very pleasant meeting; my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges called her little daughter Clara is to go out to help the ~~fo~~ folks retired about 11.

Sat 22nd arose about 6. W. cooler. p.m. thnder lightening and rain Feel sadly tired to day, did housework and repairing. My Husband, his other wife and little daughter Josey left for Park City this a.m. Bro lindsay called this p.m. retired about 11.

Sun 23rd arose about 6. W. cool and damp a.m. p.m. dreadful wind, thunder, lightening, and rain trees blown down. Did housework a.m. attended the Tabernacle p.m. Elder Arther Staner, and Apostle John W. Taylor spoke excelently, attended Ward meeting in the eve Elder Hyrum Groosbee was speaking well when I left meeting. Called on my daughter Effie, met Addie and George there, returned after ten retired about 11.

Mon 24th arose at 5.25. fine W. a.m. cloudy p.m. thunder lighting and rain this eve; spent most of the day in cleaning Miss Mameie Miller called this p.m. Bros Wm C. Burton and Fred [Frederick Willard] Morgan called this eve as teachers; wrote a long letter to my son Nephi retired about 11.

Tue 25th arose soon after 5. a.m. and p.m. cloudy, thunder, lightening hail and rain about noon. Did housework sewing and washing; send letter and parcel to Nephi retired about 9.

Wed 26th arose at 5.30. W. cool and fine. Did housework, transacted business up town. and canned fruit. My son G.M. Cannon called retired about 10.

Thu 27th arose at 5.30, W. lovely, Did housework canned fruit, transacted business up town. attended meeting of Primary Officers at Sister Ellen C. Clawson's had a very pleasant time retetired about 10. sadly tired.

Fri 28th arose about 5.30. W. lovely. Did housework and put up fruit, attended Primary meeting had a pleasant time made arrangements for the Fair. continued work on our quilt also worked in carpet rags the boys joining us. Did repairing in the eve, retired about 10.

Sat 29th arose before 4. W. lovely, read read till after 5. transacted business a.m. also called upon Miss Derbridg. Spent p.m. in cleaning and puting up fruit. My Son and daughter George and called, retired about 10.

Sun 30th arose before 5. W. quet Warm mornings and evenings cool, did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Eders Nephi Pratt and spoke, was too tired to enjoy the meeting, went to meeting in the eve but

18. Mary Lois's first and second husbands, John and Elias Morris, were born in Wales and spoke Welsh fluently. Elias served as the treasurer and director of the Eisteddfod organization, an association of Welsh immigrants in Utah. AJ, 1:639.

returned to attend to home affairs Apostle John W. Taylor spoke. Addie accompanied me home from the Tabernacle George being away preaching, retired about 10.

Mon 31st arose about 5.30. W. fine and warm; did housework and sewing, Sister Rhodes called retired about 10.

September 1885

Tue 1st arose about 5.30. W. warm did housework a.m. and made an under garment for Nephi; spent p.m. at the Lake accompanied by George, Kate and Aunt Nett. reached home about 9. retired about 11.

Wed 2nd arose about 5. W. warm, did housework most of the day; Bro Lindsay Sister Foster, and Miss Parker called; also a Bro Henry Newems who emigrated to Utah last may from Wales w was a friend of my Husband's while on a Mission to that land, he had a great deal to talk about retired about 9.

Thu 3rd arose at 6. At 7. am feel and fractured my left wrist. Soon after eight went to Dr. [Washington F.] Anderson and had it set. returned about 11. went to fast meeting for a whil, attended to home affairs p.m. Feel sore and feverish; arm and hand swollen. My Son and daughter Addie and George called this eve; the latter spraine his hand at 6. this a.m. an hour before my own trouble. W. fine retired about 11. wrote a postal to Nephi.

Fri 4th arose at 5: 4.30. W. fine at 4.30. a fire was visable terable flames arose and continued, Engines worked till about 7. a Hotel ~~and~~ belonging to Philip Hall and all the houses south of him. Wrote a letter to My Husband. Before eight oclock rode to the doctor, Transacted business up town Attended to home affairs; went to Primary about 3. p.m. had a good and peasant meeting Bp Crain called this eve retired about 10.

Sat 5th arose about 5. W. lovely did some housework and made a shirt can use the fingers of my left hand a little with a great deal of pain have to hold my book and write with the same hand. There is a terrable account in last nights news about white men and women Massacreing Chinamen at Rock Srings Wyoming Ter— on the Labour question.¹⁹ retired after 10. Little Jesse [Eliza] Binder called

Sun 6th arose at 5. W. fine. Did housework and went to the doctors a.m.

19. The "massacre" took place at Rock Springs, Wyoming, on September 2, 1885. Angered that the Union Pacific company had brought in a number of Chinese men to take the place of white coal miners, about 150 white miners marched into Chinatown, where they reportedly killed over fifteen Chinese men, burned their houses, and drove the remaining men into the hills. *Deseret Evening News*, September 4, 1885.

Went to the Tabernacle and attended to home affairs p.m. Elders and O.F. Whitney spoke excellently. Attended Ward meeting in the eve, Elder Willard Burton spoke very well. Called on Effie in the eve, retired about 11.

Mon 7th arose about 5.30. [*In right margin:* (Weather fine)] sent parcels and note to Nephi, this a.m. did housework all day, put my house in order with one hand. feel thankful that I can do so. Misses Verny Lufkin and Prudy brown called this eve to ajust Primary reports retired about 10

Tue 8th arose before 6. W. fine did housework and went to the doctors called on Sister Kimball and my Neice Mrs Tibbs on business, Recived a letter from my Husband and answered it, retired after midnight

Wed 9th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework all day. Bro Linsday, Sister Jones, and Sister Rhodes called. George and called this eve retired about 10.

Thu 10th arose before 7. W. cloudy did housework and ironing retired about 10.

Fri 11th arose about 5.30 rain dureing the night W. cold and wet. Went to the docters and transacted business in town am did housework and attended Primary p.m. Received letters from my Husband and Son Nephi, answered Nephi's letter, retired about 11.

Sat 12th arose about 5.30. W cold and wet. Answered my Husbands letter, fine p.m. did housework most of the day, find it pretty hard to scrub and clean with one hand, still I am glad I can do it with one hand, retired about 10

Sun 13th arose about 6.3. W. lovely attended to home affairs a.m. Gorden and Bro [blank] called Addie called p.m. Accompanied by her and little Kate attended the Tabernacle the speakers were Prest S.B. Young and Apostle John W. Taylor. Accompanied Addie home Attended Ward meeting Elders James Ure Andrew Grey [Andrew Scott Gray], and Bp Pollard spoke retired about 9.

Mon 14th arose before 5. W. quite warm, did housework most of the day, went to the docters a.m.²⁰ retired at 9 or ten.

Tue 15th arose about six. W. warm, did housework Elega Gill, James Mace,

20. Mary Lois seems to be suffering here and in the coming months from an illness called neuralgia. There are many different types of neuralgia, which is generally defined as severe pain along a nerve, but Mary Lois seems to have facial neuralgia, as she complained later that her pain was in her face. The main symptoms of facial neuralgia are brief bursts of searing pain along the trigeminal nerve in the face. A nineteenth-century medical dictionary recommended that those suffering from neuralgia should avoid "exposure to atmospherical changes" and should have "regular and sufficient exercise in the open air, in good weather, on foot or horseback, diet properly adapted to the stomach, strict attention to the bowels, cleanliness of the skin, and cold bathing." For extreme cases, it recommended the use of opium, hemlock, belladonna, camphor, castor, or morphine. Gunn, *Gunn's New Family Physician*, 354–60.

Emily Gill, Sister Nett Jones and her daughters Aggie and Julia, Cal[*illegible letters*] Bockholt & Lidia Gartside called on Primary Fair Business, retired about 10.

Wed 16th arose about 6. W. quite warm did housework and a good deal of cleaning, shall be glad when I can use both hands. Accompanied by George Misses Bockholt and Gartside took articles to the Primary Fair. returned before dark sadly tired, retired about 10.

Thu 17th arose about 6. W. lovely feel sick from cold rested poorly at 8. a.m. went to the doctors, thence to the [Primary] Fair, which was formally opened by Prest S. B. Young in a beautiful prayer. Transacted business in town, returned to the Fair felt great pleasure in George's effort in making a match Safe which is cut in stone and beautifully wrought. Little Katie also mad a beautiful hood for herself and doll. both of which were greatly admired at the Fair. Came home tired and sick with cold retired after 10.

Thu Fri 18th arose before 5. W. warm feel better but weak and miserable. At 10.30 went to the R.F. Society Conference, good instructions were given about storeing grain²¹ and keeping accnts properly. came home at 12.30. spent p.m. mostly in cleaning retired about 10.

Sat 19th arose about 5. W. quite warm, about 10, went to Primary Conference, also went to the Primary Fair. Came home about 3. oclock, continued cleaning, read for the Children in the eve, retired about 11.

Sun 20th arose about 6. W. warm, attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. we were addressed by Elder M.F. Cowley Attended Ward meeting in the the eve Elders Knox and Livingston spoke very well, Accompanied Effie home, Addie and her Husband bing with us, Met Bro Ashton and Sister Roberts came home soon after 9. retired about 10.

Mon 21st arose before 5. W. fine and warm; attended to home affairs and went to the doctors and transacted business in town. a.m. Did housework p.m. Bro Newams, Miss Gartside, Addie and George called p.m. retired about 10.

Tue 22nd arose before 6. W. warm, did housework most of the day, retired about 10.

Wed 23rd arose before 6. W. warm did housework all day Missess Maud Hiskey and Clara Bockholt called retired before 10.

Thu 24th arose about 5.30. W. fine and warm, Rain lightening and thunder about midnight did housework and a good deal of cleaning; attended to the weeks ironing Bros Wm Burton and Fred Morgan called as teachers retired about 12.

21. In 1876, Brigham Young officially assigned the project of conserving grain to the Relief Society. The Relief Society accepted the task, and during the following years, a number of granaries were built and filled with grain through Mormon women's efforts. Arrington, "The Economic Role of Pioneer Mormon Women," 158-60.

Fri 25th arose about 6.30. W. wet; went to the doctors a.m. also called on Sister Dobson also attended to home affairs, attended Primary meeting. Aunt Nett came home this eve retired about ten, received a letter from my Brother.

Sat 26th arose at 5.30. rain falling, lightening thunder and pouring rain during the night, attended to home affairs went to a meeting of Primary Officers at Sister Clawsons, p.m. did repairing in the eve, retired about 11.

Sun 27th arose before 4. wrote a letter to my son Nephi in answer to one recived yesterday, went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elders R.S. Horne and A Miner spoke. Addie George called, retired about 10.

Mon 28th arose about 5.30. W. fine went to the doctors a.m. Attended to home affairs re Went to a Concert in the eve held in the 15th Ward meetinghous for the Benefit of Thomas D. Giles, retired about 11.

Tue 29th arose before 6. W. fine did housework all day, made a brthday cake for Nephi who arrived home from the Park this eve Cousin Priscilla Morris for Weber came to day, with a dislocuted arm which was put out of Joint ten weeks ago; she has come to town for treatment. the Primary children called to rehears this eve retired abot 10.

Wed 30th arose about 6.30. W. warm accompanied Priscilla to the doctors, did cutting out p.m. In the eve went to see two doctors retired after 11.

October 1885

Thu 1. arose about 5.30. W. warm, attended fast meet meeting a.m. did house p.m. Sister Jessee Jones and Bro Morgan called re Priscilla Morris went home by early Train. retired about 9.

Fri 2nd arose about 5.30. W. quite warm, did ironing a.m. cleaning p.m. about 4. p.m. Effie and her little Boys, and Addie came in honor of Nephi's birthday. Addie's Husband came about 5. Aunt Aggie called. We spent the eve very plasantly. The supper and Birthday cake was much enjoyed, Effie and children stayed over night with us

Sat 3rd arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework most of the day, retired about 11.

Sun 4th arose about 6.30. W. fine, did housework a.m. rested p.m. do not feell able to atten meeting spent the eve at home though much desired to attend Ward meeting. Addie and George called feel better for my rest. retired about 10.

Mon 5th arose about 6. W. warm, did housework and coloring, retired about 10.

Tue 6th arose about 6. W. fine and lovely, do housework and washing and went up town Piscilla Morris called, also my soninlaw G.M. cannon. retired about 9. sadly tired and not well.

Wed 7th arose about 6.15. W. fine did housework most of the day strange times these! last monday four of our bretheren were sent to Prison for the truths sake two more yesterday, and I suppose more to day;²² retired about 9.

Thu 8th arose at 3. being wakened by severe pain in my head, wrote a long letter to my Husband, before daylight did housework ironing and shirt-making Mr Cannon called. George Kate John and Albert spend the eve with Addie and George retired before 10.

Fri 9th arose about 5.30. W. cloudy rain in the eve, did housework and sewing, attended Primary meeting p.m. Transacted business in town did sewing in the eve, retired about 10.

Sat 10th arose about 5.30. heavy rain a.m. Did housework a.m. all day, retired before 12.

Sun 11th arose after 6. W. fine and rather cold, did housework a.m. spent p.m. at home guarding the children, Addie called p.m. Attended Ward meeting in the eve, called on my Daughter Effie retired about 11.

Mon 12th arose about 6. first heavy frost last night. day fine, did housework all day Misess Clara bockholt and Sarah Pierce called, retired about 9 sadly tired

Tue 13th arose about 6. W. fine did housework most of the day. Aunt Barbara called also Bro Chales Evans of Payson. In the eve met a host of Primary Children who came to rehearse their parts for our Anual that is to come off next friday retired before 11. Last Monday, Oct 5th 1885. the following Bretheren were taken to the Salt Lake City Penitentiary
Isaac Groo.

Alfred Best.

David Evans.

Charles Seal.

A.W. Cooley. And on the following day oct 6th 1885.

John Conley. was taken to the same place. On tuesday Oct 13th the following Bretheren were taken to the E S.L. Penitenatiary

John Nichoson

Andrew Smith

Emil Olsen.²³

22. On October 5, 1885, Isaac Groo, Charles Seal, Alfred Best, David E. Davis, and Andrew W. Cooley were each sentenced to six months of imprisonment and fined three hundred dollars for unlawful cohabitation. On October 6, Charles L. White and John Connelly received the same sentence and fine for the same offense. On October 7, Aurelius Miner and Andrew Smith were also found guilty of unlawful cohabitation. *Chronology*, 124.

23. John Nicholson, Andrew Smith, and Emil O. Olsen were each sentenced on October 13, 1885, to six months of imprisonment, fined three hundred dollars, and sent to the penitentiary. *Chronology*, 124.

Wed 14th arose about 6. Aunt Nett started for Bingham on the early Train. W. fine did housework all day, did Marking in the eve, retired about 9.

Thu 15th arose about 6. after a disturbed night. did housework and fruit canning before three p.m. met The Primary children to hear them rehearse their parts for tomorrow. Transacted business in town, called on Bro Spencer Clawson also on Addie and George, had the children come again to Prattice. Sisters Monson and Bockholt called retired about 11.

Fri 16th arose about 6. W. continues lovely did housework a.m. p.m. held our Primary Annual, our guests were Bishop Pollard T.C. Griggs Mrs S.M. Kimball Elmina Taylor Conclor to Mrs M.I. Horne and Sister Clark Prest of 5th Ward Primary and other visitors, all of which expressed themselves highly pleased and delighted. Continued preparations for Nephi's departure retired about 11.

Sat 17th arose about 6 W. lovely. Nephi left on the early Train for the Y B.Y. Academy. wrote a letter to brother Mazer. Spent the day in cleaning, This p.m. Sister Bacon called to say that Addie had been very ill all night called on her this eve retired about 11.

Sun 18th arose about 6.30. another lovely day did housework a.m. attended the Tabernacle p.m. Bro Musser who came from the Penitentiary last week addressed us in a most excellent fearless manner, Bro Bywater followed in a very interesting address, Called on Addie, and Sister Crag. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Bros Hardy and Wm Willis spoke to us. Called on my Daughter Effie, retired about 11.

Mon 19th arose soon after 6. W. lovely did housework all day, repairing in the eve retired after 10. Last Saturday Oct 17th Bros A Miner and Wm D. Newsome were sent to the Penitentiary for the truth's sake.²⁴

Tue 20th arose before 6 W. lovely, frosty nights and mornings. Did housework all day, Addie called this p.m. Aunt Nett came home from Bingham this eve retired about 10.

Wed 21st arose about 6. W. lovely, did house and ironing Effie spent p.m. and night with us. My Husband arrived from Park City this p.m. Addie and George called this eve to see father spent an hour very pleasantly, Bro F.M. Morgan G.F. Price called as teachers wrote a note to Nephi, retired before 12.

Thu 22nd arose about 6. W. lovely did housework all day Mrs Adams, and Sister Harrison called, did repairing in the eve. My Husband and little Josey are very ill, retired about 12.

Fri 23rd arose about 6. W. charming, my Husband left for bullionville on

24. On October 17, 1885, William. D. Newsome was sentenced to three and a half years of imprisonment and was fined eight hundred dollars for polygamy and unlawful cohabitation, and Aurelius Miner was sentenced to six months of imprisonment and was fined three hundred dollars for unlawful cohabitation. *Chronology*, 124.

the early Train this a.m. did housework and sewing also attended Primary meeting had a very pleasant an intresting time, Went to a grand Consert this eve held in the Theatre, given by the Tabernacle Choir for the benefit of three of its members, took little George and Kate and Miss Clara Bockholt, retired about 12.

Sat 4 24th arose about 7. W. lovely the sick folks better spent the day in cleanig, did repairing in the eve, retired after 12. W. lovely,

Sun 25th arose about 7. W. warm attended to home affairs a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elders P.P. Pratt and James C. Watson, lately arrived from the Penitentiary, Also Bro H.W. Naisbit addressed us, Attended Ward meeting in the eve, Bishops J. Pollard and Alred spoke, retired about 10.

Mon 26th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework and transacted business up town retired about 9.

Tue 27th arose about 5.30. W. fine, nights cold did houwork all day recived a letter from my son Nephi, sent books to him yester day retired about 11

Wed 28th arose about 5.30. W. bright and lovely, did housework most of the day. At 12. m. Drs W.F. and Bell [Belle] Anderson came to perform an operation upon my friend Jennett Coslett. assisted by Dr. Harrison, my Neice Mrs Barbara Swan and my self; all matters st-takeing a favorable turn Finished a letter to my son Nephi retired before 11.

Thu 29th arose about 5.30. W. fine a.m. and quite warm, eveing cloudy, did ironing and coloring, a.m. at 2. oclock went to a meeting of Primary Officers Held at the residence of Sister Elen Clawsons, ~~st~~ transacted Business in town, came home soon after 5. attended to home affairs did sewing and cutting out in the eve retired ~~in the~~ before 11.

Fri 30th arose at 5.20. gentle rain a.m. p.m. bright and fine. Did housework and sewing attended Primary meeting had a pleasant time, Sister Rhodes visited us. Retired about 8.

Sat 31st arose about 5. W. fine Did housework and attended the 14th Ward meeting an excelent spirit prevailed, felt to bless my Sisters who had bourn a humble testimony flt that God our heavnl Father was ~~was~~ pleased with them and would bless them felt that we must live very humbly for there no safety whithout it. Felt that the ruselt of the present Crusade would be so good that the faithful would wish there had ~~would~~ be been more of it. retired about 11.

November 1885

Sun 1st arose soon after 6. W. fine did housework a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were Elders G.F. Gibbs and Athur Stayner they spoke well. Bro Nephi Pratt called also Mr David Parry Sister Rhodes George and Addie, spent spent the eve at home; Aunt Aunt Nett still confined to her

bed, called on Addie and Sister Clara Cannon, retired about 10.

Mon 2nd arose about 5.30. did housework dressmaking and repairing retired about 9.30.

Mon Tue 3rd arose about 5.30. Did housework ~~and transacted business in town.~~ My Daughter Addie called, retired about 9.30.

~~Thursday~~ *Wed 4th* arose about 6. W. cold and wet, did housework and Transacted Business in town, did repairing p.m. and evening retired about 10.

Thu 5th arose at 6.30 snow on the ground, a.m. cloudy and damp snow began to fall about noon, continued all day did housework and sewing attended fast meeting a.m. about 1.0 oclock Drs, W.F. and Bell Anderson came to see Aunt Nett retired about 10.

Fri 6th arose about 6. W. clear snow on the ground for the first time this fall except a little night before last. Did sewing housework and attended Primary meeting did repairing in the eve, retired about 10.

Sat 7th arose about 6.30. W. mild and muddy, did housework and repairing called on Addie transacted business in town, sent a parcel to Nephi, received a letter from Nephi; retired before 11.

Sun 8th arose about 6.30. W. lovely, did housework a.m. Attended Tabernacle p.m. the speakers were Thomas Harris and Heber J. Grant. Went to the Ward meeting in the eve Bp O.F. Whitney spoke beautifully, ~~re~~ Walked home with Sister Kimball read for the Children from the Bible, retired about 10.

Mon 9th arose about 6. W. lovely spent most of the day in cleaning Mr David Parry called. yesterday ~~also~~ my Daughter and Mrs Gillett and Miss Maggie Morris retired 10. A beautiful painting of the assention of our Saviour is excuted over the Stand in our Meeting house it is a very grand shight. It has been painted and donated by my husbands' Nephew W.C. Morris, and the attraction of the meeting²⁵ ~~*Mon 9th* arose about 6. W. lovely~~ last night

Tue 10th arose about 6. W. fine but windy did housework most of the day Sister Grey called, the wind is howling and rain falling to night retired about 10.

Wed 11th arose about 6. W. cold and snowing did housework most of the day wrote to Nephi in the eve retired abot 10.

Thu 12th arose about 5.30. W. fine snow and mud a plenty Did ironing a.m. p.m. attended the funeral of Sister Phebe W. [Phoebe Whittemore Carter] Woodruff. The speakers were Apostles H.J. Grant J.H. Smith

25. This painting of the ascension of Christ by William C. Morris was donated to the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward by the artist and hung on the south end of the Fifteenth Ward chapel. When the chapel was torn down in 1903, it was moved to the ward's new chapel, where it remained until at least 1947. Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 10–11, 118.

John W. Taylor. Prest A.O. Smoot F.D. Richards and Bp Thomas Taylor. Transacted business in town, met my Sister and my Daughter Addie Attended a Concert in the Ward in the eve, retired about 12.

Fri 13th arose about 6.30. W. fine did housework and sewing, attended Primary meeting got along very well did sewing in the eve retired about 11.

Sat 14th arose before 4. being wakened by little Kate complaining of her throat and high fever, put her through a thorough course of steaming; but before that administered holy oil to her in the name of the Lord Juses, also anointed her in His Holy Name praying humbly for God to acknowledge the same. In ten minutes she was in a copious sweat, and relived from her pain. and able to sit up and amuse herself let God be praised for his goodness. Sent letter and parcel to Nephi. Did housework and repairing Miss Annie Waterfall and Mr Hederheart called, retired at 10.30.

Sun 15th arose soon after 6. W. fine, little Kate is almost well the white and red spots are almost gone from her throat we trusted in God who is the best Phssican spent the day at home to guard her from cold, received a letter from her father, answered it. Mrs Burgoyne and Mrs Buce called, retired after 12.

Mon 16th arose about 7. W. fine sewed most of the day retired about 11.

Tue 17th arose about 6.30. W. fine did washng cleaning and sewing, Sister Burgoyne and Daughter Jennie called this a.m. it was a very Happy meeting Rose Thompson came home sick Aunt Nett poorly yet; retired about 11.

Wed 18th arose about 6.30. W. fine sewed most of the day, Aunt Barabara called this p.m. retired about 10.

Thu 19th arose about 6.30 after a restless night W. cloudy and mild, did housework and ironing Addie and George and Aunt Lavinia and Aunt Barbar called this eve retired after 11.

Fri 20th arose before 6. W. drizzly heavy rain at night, did housework and coloring, Attended Primary meeting had a plasant time Mrs Mollie Jellett and Master David Parry called, sang for the latter retired about 11

Sat 21st arose about 6.30 W. fine and balmy like spring did housework and coloring, retired retired after 12

Sun 22nd arose about 6. W. lovely Aunt Nett went to Bingham on the early train. Did housework a.m. attended Tabrnacle p.m. accompanied by little Kate accompanied Addie home came home before dark, By invitation attended the fifth Ward Primary review. Addie and George called retired about 10.

Mon 23rd arose about 6. W. fine and mild did housework all day Miss Nell Brown called retired about 10.

Tue 24th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework all day, my Daughter Addie called, Effie and little Boys came to visit us stayed all night retired about 10.

Wed 25th arose about 6. W. drizzly heavy rain to night did housework all day Effie and babes went home this eve, retired about 10.

Thu 26th arose about 6. did housework a.m. p.m. held a party for the

Primary children had a pleasant time cleared five dollars and 5. cts 5.00. 5. cts reached home about dark, retired about 10.

Fri 27th arose about 6. W. cloudy, did housework and and attended a meeting of Primary Officers at Sister E. Clawsons retired about 10.

Sat 28th arose at 5. Last saturday two more of our brethern were sent to prison for Keeping the commandments of God, makeing 26. in all, W. fine but cloudy spent most of the day in cleaing, attended 14th ward meeting had a good time retired about 10.30.

Sun 29th arose about 5. did housework a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elder G.G. Bywater spoke. Addie and George supped with us. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Elers G.M. Cannon and Frank Armstrong spok excelently, retired about 10. last night Joseph McMurren ~~Mon 30th~~ was shot by dept Marshal Collins while gurarding the T. Coffin²⁶

Mon 30th arose at 5.30 W. fair and mild, did housework and coloring, received a letter from my son Nephi and answered it retired about 10

Nov

December 1885

Tue 1st arose about 5.30. W. fine did the weeks washing and housework Miss Brown called in the eve; retired about 10

Wed 2nd arose about 5.30. W. mild and cloudy, did housework and ironing, Aunt Barbara called p.m. Arnold Giauque this eve with an important letter from Bullionville. Addie and George called retired about 10.

Thu 3rd arose about 7 W. cloudy, as it was yesterday Attended Fast Meeting a.m. housework p.m. before 6. this eve began preparations for my departure from the City. Went up town, called on Arnold, transacted business in town, called on Addie also Effie and Miss Brown, retired about 12.

Fri 4th arose about 5 W. mild and cloudy, cloudy continued preparations for my Journey. My daughter Addie and my Sister called this p.m. also Bro A Giauque. Called on Miss Brown, retired about 12.

Sat 5th arose before 5 W. very foggy; at 6.30. started on the train for the South, accompanied by little Kate. arrived at my destination nation

26. On the night of November 28, 1885, Joseph William McMurrin (1858–1932), a young night watchman at the LDS Church Tithing Office, came across Deputy U.S. Marshal Henry F. Collin in a dark alleyway. The two men had previously argued about the subpoenaing of witnesses for the unlawful cohabitation case against McMurrin's father. Meeting him "suddenly in the dark," McMurrin struck at the deputy marshal, who dodged the blow and shot McMurrin twice in the chest. Despite severe injuries, McMurrin survived. *Comp. History*, 6:162–64.

[Provo, Utah] about 9.30. met my son Nephi but did not greet him as such was taken to the office of Bro Loveridge²⁷ had a peasant chat with him at 12. m. was taken to his house and was very warmly greeted, found pleasant quarters did repairing in the eve, retired before 11.

Sun 6th arose about 8. W. bright and mild, spent the day at home, retired about 10. talked with Miss Uphemia Humblenton till 12.

Mon 7th arose about 7.30 snow and storm all day, did reading housework and repairing retired about 11.

Tue 8th arose about 7. W. cold and cloudy wrote to Arnold and my son George and my daughter Addie. Miss Flo Musser called retired about 11. spent most of the day in writing my son Nephi and his brother John and Charlie Griggs called on me on Sunday last.

Wed 9th arose about 7.30. W. cold and cloudy, received my turnk to day. ~~Did house~~ regulated it and did repairing most of the day, some ironing, retired about 11.

Thu 10th arose about 7.30. W. cold and cloudy, did ~~house~~ repairing and cutting out retired about 10.30.

Fri 11th arose about 7. W. cold and cloudy sewed most of the day retired about 10.30.

Sat 12th arose about 7.30. sewed most of the day retired about 11.

Sun 13th arose about 7.30. W. lovely Did housework a.m. spent p.m. in reading Church History. about 5. p.m. Aunt Clara took us buggie riding, saw many beautiful buildings Took care of little Della, and continued reading Church History retired about 12.

Mon 14th arose soon after 7. W. lovely. Wrote a note to Georgie and one to Sister Gill asking for Juveniles. Did writeing reading and repairing picked wool in the eve; also had some intelectual exersizes with little Kate. My son Nephi and his brother John called this eve which added to our peasure and that little Kates' retired after 10.

Tue 15th arose about 8. haveing a disturbed night. W. lovely, washed all day, felt pleasure in assisting my friends Miss [Lelia] May Perry called to see my friends, spent the eve in reading, retired after 10.

Wed 16th arose at 7. W. mild and cloudy did housework a.m. sewing p.m. read in the eve retired about 11.

Thu 17th arose after 7. W. lovely, did ironing and repairing. Mrs Mary Jane [John] Cluff visited Aunt Clara to day. understand that my Husband came through this City to day. My son Nephi called this eve, read my intresting things from the Juvenile before retiring at 10.30.

Fri 18th arose soon after 7. W. lovely, spent the day in repairing, read for some time this eve, retired about 10.30.

27. Mary Lois stayed in the home of her friends Clara Pratt (1841–1928) and Ledru C. Loveridge (1848–1919) while hiding in Provo. Memoir 233; pp. 196–97.

Sat 19th arose at 7. W. cloudy, wrote letters to Effie and Addie Notes to Bro Spry and Sister Gill, did sewing in the eve, retired before 11.

Sun 20th arose soon after 7. W. bright and mild. Did housework a.m. spent p.m. in reading Juveniles my son Nephi called to see us, this eve retired about 10.

Mon 21st arose about 5. W. damp. did housework a.m. worked on a pair of mittens for my little George p.m. two weeks and two days from home and no word yet. Pouring rain to night retired before 11.

Tue 22nd arose about 8. W. mild and fine continued work as yesterday, at noon received word to return home by the evening train spent several hours with Addie, spent ~~several~~ the night with Effie, a sleepless night

Wed 23rd arose at 6. went to Addie's spent most of the day there came home at 4. p.m. W. very mild sun warm retired about 9.30.

Thu 24th arose about 6.15. W. mild and fine, did cooking and cleaning went up town in the eve. returned about 11. dreadfully tired. retired after 12.

Fri 25 arose about 8. still feeling very tired; the children are delighted with the presents provided for them, Nephi receives a watch from his Father, did housework all day Effie and children supped with us Nephi and George attended the Theatre retired about 12.

Saturday 26 1885 Arose about 7 oclock a.m. did ~~h~~ cooking and cleaning; at 8.40. went to Addie's accompanied by little George whoes hand is hurt. We had to carry a heavy bundle. fell into a deep ditch and brused my limbs thought it a rather hard experience after day's hard work; still it was not as bad as the Saints had in their driveings in early day reached ~~hom~~ Addies about 10. felt thankful for warmth and shelter after leaveing a pleasant home; and comeing through mud and ~~sh~~ wet. Retired after 12.

Sun 27 arose at 8. W. bright and mild spent the day with Addie my Husband called to see us. retired about 11.

Mon 28th arose at 7. W. bright and mild did housework and sewing my sons Nephi and George supped with us retired about 9.

Tue 29th arose before 6. W, cloudy and mild, did housework and sewing. Nephi and George called to see us retired about 9.

Wed 30th arose at 5. At 7. a.m. was on my way home. did housework and washing W. cloudy, rain hail and sunshine. Spent the eve in reading for the Children. It seems very pleasant to be all together once mor Soon Nephi must return to the (Academy, and I know not how soon I may leave my home again on account of percution retired before 10.

Thu 31st arose about 7. W. cold and frosty, hail and some snow, spent most of the day in cleaning, did ironing this p.m. this eve made preparations for tomorrow. Good bye old year 1885. May God help us to continue faithful in the cause of truth and endure all that is required to establish the same. My Husband and his other Wife attend a reception this eve in honor of the marrage of Willie [William Llewelin] White son of Wm [William] White the butcher. Retired before 12.

1886

“Going South in the Morning”

January 1886

Fri 1st arose about 7. snow on the ground, day mostly clear, also cold; spent the day at home, attending to home affairs. My Nephew's Wm C. and Richard P. Morris called this p.m. also my Neice Rebecca Jones. Spent the eve in reading the Evening News. retired about 10.

Saturday 2nd arose at 6. W. cold and clear spent the day in cleaning and cooking, retired about 10.

Sun 3rd arose about 7 W. clear and cold spent the day at home not feeling at liberty to go out. Miss Rose Thompson called retired at 10.

Mon 4th arose before 7. W. clear and cold did the weeks washing a.m. cleaning p.m. Nephi and George had a grand time ~~sk~~ Skating this p.m. and eve, came home about 9. they accompanied Brother Jeddie Ashton their Sunday School teacher retired about 11.

Tue 5th arose ~~arose~~ soon after 6. W. clear and cold. My son Nephi returned by the early train the Brigham Young Adacemy. Did the weeks ironing and other work repairing in the eve retired about 10.30.

Wed 6th arose about 7. three inches of snow on the ground, day cold and cloudy. Did housework and repairing, Sister Rhodes called this p.m. Addie and George called this eve; had a very pleasant chat. a week ago to day Dec. 30th 85 Brigham Hampton a mormon Elder received his sentence of a year in prison for decting U.S. Officials in their obominable ludeness.¹ While these same Officals are sending the Mormons to prison because they acknowleg suport their Wives and children. Strang times these! Retired about 11.

Thu 7th at 6.30. more snow day cold and clear. Attended Fast meeting a.m. disguised myself so as to be on my guard. Did housework and prepared to

1. In 1885, as the bitterness between Mormons and non-Mormons escalated, Brigham Young Hampton (1836–1902), a Mormon, led a group of Salt Lake City police officers in hiring prostitutes to “offer their services to and report on federal officials.” At the time, federal officials were convicting Mormons in large numbers for their practice of polygamy, claiming the practice was immoral. A common LDS response was that sleeping with women other than one’s wife was immoral but polygamy was not; and thus Hampton attempted to prove that federal officials were engaging in adultery. Judge Charles Zane convicted Hampton of conspiracy for his actions, a decision sustained by the Utah Territorial Supreme Court. Alexander and Allen, *Mormons and Gentiles*, 98.

dress little Katies doll, worked on it till after midnight My Husband wrote to Aunt Nett. Retired after 1. oclock.

Fri 8th arose about 7.30. W. fine and cold continued sewing for little Kate, she attends a birthday party of little Sissy Swan. Concluded this eve that I had better seclude myself so about 10. p.m. took little Kate and started to my Daughter Addie this makes the sixth time that I have left my home to avoid falling into the hands of our enemies. Was kindly received by Addie and her Husband retired about midnight

Sat 9th arose soon after 6. W. cold and clear, spent a.m. in cleaning, rested and did repairing p.m. My little George called, retired about 11.

Sun 10th arose at 7. W. clear and cold, did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. we were addressed by elders James T. [Thaddeus] Hammond. Joseph Kimball Wm H. King, Heber J. Grant My little George, called this eve, brought prizes from Sunday School for himself and little Kate. He has made a wise celection in choosing Orsons Pratts. Works for Himself. Bless him! he is a good and steady Child feels it hard to be seperated so many times from his mother, but thank God he has kind and tender Sisters who minster to him. It is the twentys~~th~~ month 27 birthday of my Daughter Effie would that we could be with her. May God grant her strength acording to her day, and health be returned to her, Received a note from my son Nephi on friday, sent a parcel by Saturday mornings train. My Neice Mrs Winnie Tibbs presented her Husband with a little daughter to day about noon. so my Husband informed us when he called this p.m. Addie is poorly this eve sufferes much pain but is determind to keep about. George preaches as Home Missionary in the sixth Ward this eve, retired about 11.

Mon 11th arose about 7. W. milder and rather cloudy did washing a.m. rested p.m. About 4. p.m. Addie was taken sick. Doctor came about 5. she continued very sick until 11. minutes to 11. then presented her Husband with with a beautiful Deaughter [Adele Morris Cannon] Pa called this eve, and stayed until Addie was through with her trouble administering to her in conexion with her Husband Mr John Cannon also was very kind in assisting us waiting down stairs until quite late. Dr Pratt is very clever. We retired about 3. oclock in in the morning

Tue 12th arose about 7.30. W. mld and fine rather cloudy, attended to Addie and received the following guests Aunt Mina Cannon, dear Grandma Cannon Miss Annie and little Miss Nora Cannon Aunts to the baby who spent a very pleasant afternoon with us. This eve my Daughter Effie, Mr John Cannon and Aunt Lavinia Morris called retired about 11.

Wed 13th arose about 6.30 W. cloudy and mild, did housework all day Miss Jane Parker and My Neice Miss Nellie Morris called, Miss Orean Parker is Nurse retired about 11.

~~Wed~~ *Thu 14th* arose at 6.45. snow falling fast most of the day, did

housework and repairing. Mr Charles [Mousley] Cannon called and my little George call this p.m. Mesers Anges and John Cannon and Aunt Clara Cannon and little Clara P A.M. Cannon Mrs Mina called this eve. Retired about 11.

Fri 15th arose about 6.30. W. fine and mild. Did housework and went up town Miss Clara Hardy called this a.m. Miss Annie cannon this p.m. Miss Jane Parker and Mr Lue Cannon this eve. Addie and Babe are are still doing well thank God. Hon. Wm Jenings died this p.m. at 12.40. retired about 10.

Sat 16th arose before 6. W. fine and cold did housework all day Mrs Libbie Pratt called this ~~p.m.~~ a.m. Miss Allie Merrell p.m. Miss Jane Parker this eve. Retired about 11.

Sun 17th arose about 6.30. day fine, snow this eve. Miss Nora Cannon was our first caller. Then Mesers Eugene Clerence, Jesse, Quayl Angus Claude Cannon. p.m. My Neice Mrs Barbara Swan and little Daughter Barbara and little sister Josey. Joe [Joseph Edwin Price] and Sallie [Sarah Jane Ashton] Price and darling Babe. Mrs Mina Cannon. Mrs C. Bockholt and Miss Annie Oliver. Misess Lizzie Kimball, and Lill Balow. Miss Annie Cannon Miss Swenson Mesers John and Lu Cannon. In the eve my Husband called, has just come in from a trip to Denver stayed several hours with us, had intresting conversation retired about 11.

Mon 18th arose about 7. W. cloudy and mild did housework and washing, Misses Nora and Annie Cannon called, and Aunt Alice Lambert [Mary Alice Cannon Lambert]. my Sister and my Neice Miss Fancy Morris. In the eve Bro Abram Cannon called also Bro John, and Eugen P.A.M.C. retired at 12.30.

Tue 19th arose before 7. W. cloudy and mild and windy did housework and sewing. Aunt Amanda and Jessee and Quayle called this eve. At 11. my husband T. McCain and S. Hill called to bless the Baby her Grandpa Morris being mouth, retired very late

Wed 20th arose about 7. W. windy and cloudy. Did housework all day Sister S.M. Cannon spent p.m. with us had a very pleasant chat with her. Misses Annie Cannon and Miss Hardy called & my Husband called this eve retired about 7 wind hail and rain dureing the night

Thu 21st arose about 5. W. drizzely did housework and washing my Husband called p.m. retired about 10.

Fri 22 arose about 6. W. drizzly and very mild Did housework repairing and ironing, Sister Bacon spent p.m. with us had a very intresting chat spoke of many events in past History of her life. [*In top margin:* wrote to my son Nephi], retired about 1. oclock.

Sat 23rd arose at 5.25. W. mild and drizzly spent the day in cleaning evening in cooking. Missess Alli Merrel and Annie Cannon called retired about 12.

Sun 24th arose about 7.30. W. drizzly. Master Charles Cannon and little Duke called at noon Also my son George and Grandson Elias Ashton Misess Nora and Mary Cannon and Mrs Mina Cannon retired about 11.

Mon 25th arose about 6.30. W. wet, did housework all day. Bro Edington called to see George P.A.M.C. Thunder lightening hail and rain. Miss Emma Rand struck by lightening her clothing only hurt. retired about 11.

Tuesday 26th arose about 7. W. fine and bright like spring; did housework all day Addie came down stairs this p.m. Aunt clara Cannon and little Alice [Cannon] called this eve, also Mr John Cannon Miss Jane Parker and Miss Murry retired at 11.

Wed 27th arose at 7.30. W. drizzley did housework and sewing; my daughter called this p.m. spent the eve with us. Accompanied by little George met an apointment down at my daughters Effie's dreadful muddy roads. My Husband called yesterday with a pleasant letter from our son Nephi Returned about 9. Addie has been suffering sever pain dureing my abcence retired about 10.30.

Thu 28th arose soon after 6 W. fine like spring. Miss Nora and Mrs Mina Cannon called this a.m. Mrs Jeddie Ashton[*blank*]” Brigham Ahton and their lovely Babes. Mrs Kate Cannon and her lovely twins. My Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges p: Misses ~~Sarah~~ Annie and Esther Bacon p.m. Did housework and sewing, Addie better, retired about 11

Sat Fri 29th arose about 6. W. cloudy and Mild did housework and sewing Cousin Belendia Musser and Aunt Aggie called Addie down stairs p.m. retired about 11.

Sat 30th arose before 6 7. rain falling W. wet, did housework and sewing. Miss Nora Mrs Mina and Aunt Amanda Cannon called p.m. Also my little George. My Husband called this eve, retired about 11.

Sun 31st arose about 7.30. W. lovely. Attended to home affairs; Addie and Babe doing well. Misess Nora and Annie and Mary Cannon called, also Mrs Mina Cannon Misess Lizzie and Emma Ashton. Mr and Mrs Willcox and babe this eve retired about 11.

February 1886

Mon 1st arose about 5.30. W. wet pouring rain dureing the night did housework; my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridge and daughter Clara Bell called, retired about 11.

Tue 2nd arose about 6. W. drizly, did some housework and ironing and tended baby who is not well retired about 11.

Wed 3rd arose about 6 W. fine did ironing and tended Baby who is sick Bros Bywater and A.M. Cannon were called in to administer to her; health was promised retired about 10.

Thu 4th arose about 3. oclock Baby has not rested durement the night. Addie tired and feeble tended the Babe till after 5. went to bed at 6. arose at 9. W. lovely [*In left margin:* my Husband called to day wather fine and warm] did housework and sewing. Baby better thank God. Sisters Dunford and Smith called yester day ~~called~~ and to day Misess Nora and Annie Cannon Mrs Mina Cannon And Uncle Will Robson, also called. After supper accompanied by little Kate, picked up my traps once more and wended my way through darkness and mud with heavy bundles down to my daughter Effie's makeing the tenth time that I have ~~mov~~ moved on account of our enemies retired at 11. after a pleasant chat with Effie.

Fri 5th arose between 7. and 8. W. fine and bright like spring. Did housework and repairing. Addie called on us, being her first trip out. retired about 10.

Sat 6th arose at 3.30. W. fine and warm. fin. Finished repairing and sent Nephi's clothes off by the early Train. Did housework and sewing, and more repairing; my Husband brought a letter from our son Nephi, retired after one oclock.

Sun 7th arose before 8. W. warm and bright like spring did housework a.m. rested p.m. Sister Ashton came up this p.m. to inform us that the house was watched. After dark picked up our traps once more feeling unsafe wher we were Reached Addie's about 9. Retired after 11.

Mon 8th arose soon after 6. Rain began to fall about 7. W. changeable durement the day. Did housework all day. Miss Lizzie Smith called about noon Miss Jane Parker p.m. Elias Jones this eve. There has been a raid upon the Gardo Home by Marshal Ireland and 14 others Marshals hunting for Prest Taylor and Cannon. ~~5.00~~ five hundred dollars offered for information of Prest Cannon's whereabouts The Tithing Office and Historian's Office seached for the same purpoes. Yesterday Morning the farm of Prest George Q. Cannon was raided and his family placed under heavy bonds for the purpose of convicting him of acknowledging and supporting his Wives and children.² Retired about 10.

Tue 9th arose about 6. a.m. fine, p.m. cloudy did housework and repairing, and tended Baby. Called on Mrs Mina Cannon, While there Captain Greenman arrested her to appear as a witness on her Husbands trial for supporting and liveing with his wives and Children was in the room with her when the Wrrant was read to her. My husband called this eve, also Bro George C. Lambert Snow falling to night W. very mild, retired about 11.30. From the Deseret Evening News Monday Feb 8th 1886

2. On February 7, 1886, the U.S. marshal and five deputy marshals made a raid on George Q. Cannon's farm near Salt Lake City. A number of witnesses were put under bonds ranging from five hundred to two thousand dollars to testify in the Cannon case. *Comp. History*, 6:127.

Reward Offered—The following notice appeared on a bulletin board on Second South St

\$5.00.00

I will pay the above reward to any person for information leading to the arrest of George Q. Cannon, against whom an indictment is now pending in the Third District Court of Utah. The names ~~to~~ of any persons giving information will be held in strict confidence

E.A. Ireland

U.S. Marhal, feb 8th 1886

S.L. City³

wed 10th arose about 6. W. drizzly. Did ironing most of the day Miss Francy Fenton spent p.m. with us. Bro W.W. Willey and Bro John Penman were sent to the Pen for their religion to day retired after 12.

Thu 11th arose at 5.30. W. fine like spring did some housework, attended the funeral of Sister Desdemony Fulmer, Smith wife of the Prophet Joseph Smith Tended Baby. Cousin Becca called Took a trip home this eve, longed to stay there came back about 10 retired about ~~10~~ 12.

Fri 12th arose at 7.30 W. fine like spring. Tended Baby did housework writeing and repairing and wri[*illegible letters*] My Husband called with Georgie recived a letter from Nephi about 9.30 p.m. accompanied by little Kate and her Father started for home, reached there about 9.30. the house seemed cold and lonely, retired about 11.

Sat 13th arose before 7. W. fine spent the day in cleaning, my husband came over and said he thought I had better leave home again retired about 10. sadly tired. Awoak about 2. oclock spent the rest of the night in thinking and contemplating my Journey. Strange times these when a person is not safe night or day from burglars Deptuies ~~Arise about 7.~~

Sun 14th arose about 7. W. cloudy and cold frost last night, sprinkling of snow at intervals. Attended to home affairs; made preparations for leaving home. Wrote notes to Bp Pollard, Sister Waterfall, and Bro Lindsay, this p.m. Aunt Nett came in from Bingham. this eve. Went up to Addie's S after dark to gather up my things; came home about 9. began packing

3. On February 8, 1886, about a year after John Taylor and George Q. Cannon went into hiding, a handbill was issued offering a reward of \$500 for information leading to the arrest of George Q. Cannon. A lesser reward was offered for the arrest of John Taylor. According to LDS historian B. H. Roberts, "The reason assigned for singling out George Q. Cannon for this special assault was, first, that he was the 'active presidency of the Mormon church;' this on account of the absence of Joseph F. Smith in the Hawaiian Islands and the great age—Seventy-eight—of President John Taylor; second, the anti-Mormons' conceded to George Q. Cannon great abilities of leadership, proclaimed him to be the 'power behind the throne,' and attributed to his influence the successful thwarting of their purposes, and the continuance of the resistance to the Gentile regime." *Deseret Evening News*, February 8, 1886; *Comp. History*, 6:126–27.

preparatory to going south in the morning Word h has reached the City to day that Prest George Q. Cannon is captured in Nevada.⁴ retired about 2. oclock

Mon 15th arose about 6. snow falling; took the early Train for the south accompanied by little Kate, little George took us to the Train. Aarrived about 9.30 stayed in the office of Bro Lverige met my son Nephi at noon reached Aunt Clara's about 2. dined and rested p.m. found Aunt Clara in trouble but was greeted warmly; did sewing and writeing in the eve, returned about 11.

Tue 16th arose about 7. W. cold, a.m. cloudy; spent most of the day in sewing did some housework retired about 9.

Wed 17th arose about 7.30. W. fine like spring, am anxiously waiting for my trunk, have much to do, but can do no more until I receive my effects. Helped Aunt Clara prepare dinner for company. In the afternoon read all perticulars about Prest G.Q. Cannons arrest and his falling off the cars and being hurt. This p.m. that Prest Cannon is placed under 45.000 bonds. his wives and children placed under heavier bonds than before.⁵ ~~than before~~ retired about 9.

Thursday 18th arose about 7. W. lovely, did some housework some repairing and writeing father Pratt called this p.m. Received my trunk this p.m. retired about 10.

Fri 19th arose about 5.30. finished letters to my Husband and son George by lamp light. Sent them to be Mailed spent most of the day in washing. W. warm like spring. Miss Peck and Bro Isren attend a lecture at the Adacemy this eve. Miss Peck sang beautyfully last wednesday when Aunt Clara had company, she is a very ladylike and pleasant person retired about 10.

4. As a result of the efforts of U.S. marshals to capture George Q. Cannon, it was decided for him to travel to Mexico. On February 13, 1886, while passing through Nevada on the way to Mexico, Cannon was arrested by Sheriff F. M. Fellows. He was put under guard and placed on a train back to Utah. However, in the early morning of February 16, 1886, Cannon "fell" off the railroad car. He was soon recaptured and later claimed that "a sudden lurch of the car" caused him to lose his balance and fall from the train. U.S. officials, however, believed that the incident was an attempt by the prisoner at escape. This fall no doubt gave Cannon the bruise that Mary Lois referred to in her diary entry. *Comp. History*, 6:127-29.

5. On February 17, 1886, George Q. Cannon arrived in Salt Lake City as a prisoner. Upon his arrival, Cannon was taken before the Third District Court and put under "a bond of \$25,000 to appear in the case against him for unlawful cohabitation." In addition, two more warrants containing different dates for the same offense were signed, "making the total bail required for the offense of unlawful cohabitation \$45,000." After posting bail, Cannon again escaped into hiding until 1888, when "with a more lenient judge on the bench, he gave himself up" and served 175 days in prison. *Comp. History*, 6:129-32; EM, 627.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
TERRITORY OF UTAH,
Salt Lake County.

At a stated term of the District Court of the Third Judicial District, in and for the Territory of Utah, begun and holden in the City and County of Salt Lake, within and for the District and Territory aforesaid, on the Nineteenth day of April A. D. 1886 and continued by adjournment to and including the nineteenth day of April A. D. 1886

THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Elias Morris

The Grand Jurors of the United States of America, within and for the District aforesaid, in the Territory aforesaid, personally empaneled and sworn, on their oaths, do find and grant that Elias Morris late of said district, in the Territory aforesaid, heretofore, to-wit: on the first day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty three at the County of Salt Lake in the District and Territory aforesaid did by three other days and times thereafter, and continuously between said last mentioned day and the thirtieth day of December A. D. 1885 did then and there unlawfully live and cohabit with more than one woman, to-wit: With May & Morris and Mary L Morris and during all the time aforesaid in the County aforesaid, he the said Elias Morris did unlawfully claim, live and cohabit with said women as his wives.

against the form of the Statutes of the United States in such case made and provided and against the peace and dignity of the said United States

Wm. H. K. Jones 1886

Courtesy of National Archives

*Indictment of Elias
Morris for unlawful
cohabitation between
May 1, 1883 and
December 31, 1885.
Issued on April 19,
1886.*

Sat 20th arose about 7. W. fine. spent most of the day in repairing and ironing, recived a letter and money H retired about 10.

Sun 21st arose about 4.30. finished reading a Logan Temple lecture, and other reading. Did housework a.m. spent p.m. in reading the news. Am secluded at this time witeing with my book in my hand. Sister M.J. Tanner called on Aunt Clara this p.m. Spent the eve alone. read Church History Aunt Clara Kate and babe have gone to a S.S. entertainment, retired about 11.

Mon 22nd arose about 7. W. fine, spent most of the day in reading Church History. It seems strange to me to have so much leasure on a holyday; the three last holydays did not sit down until bedtime. Spent the eve in knitting retired about 10.

Tue 23rd arose about 7. W. warm and fine did housework and washing. Brothers retired about 11.

Wed 24th arose at 6. rain about 7. cloudy a.m. rather fine p.m. spent most of the day in repairing clothes for George did some housework. Brothers Henry Dinwoody and Wm Macmurrin have gone to the Pen to day for concience sake. May to-day God bless those who trust in him. retired about 10.

Thu 25th arose about 6 W. very fine did repairing ironing and housework.

Wrote letters to my little son George. and my daughter Addie retired after 12. *Fri 26th* arose before 7. W. cloudy rain set in this eve. spent most of the day in sewing, did housework and ironing Misses May Perry, Lizzy Holdaway and Miss Maggie Watson called. My son Nephi and C. Griggs called this eve; recived a letter and papers from my Husband this eve; also a letter from Grandma Morris sent a parcel to George this p.m. heard last night that Nephi was sick felt very anxious about him, not being able to see him thank God he is better ~~retired about 11.30~~ wrote letters to my husband and Grandma Morris. Snow falling as we retired about 12 My daughter Addie is twenty five years old to day May Heaven bless her footsteps and all belonging to her.

Sat 27th arose about 7. snow on the ground rain and snow dureing the day; did housework and repairing, Mrs Hamlington called this p.m. with a Marraige card to be signed, Retired after 10.

Sun 28 arose about 7. W. cold and cloud and snowing. little Kate attended Conference with Miss Nettie Peck. Did housework a.m. spent p.m. in reading. Miss Jennie Peck called this p.m. she and Miss Nettie sang very sweetly for us. Mrs Phene Aldredg called late this eve, Retired about 11.

March 1886

Mon 1st arose about 7.30. more snow on the ground W. cold and cloudy. did sewing and housework Missess May Perry Jonnie Watson, Miss Cummings and Miss Gelegar called. The following brethren were taken to the Penitentiary to day for prefering to serve God rather than man

James Moyl

George H. Taylor

Samuel F. Ball

James O. Polsen. West Jordon

O.F. Pue the flowerest⁶

retired about 10.

Tue 2nd arose about 7. W. cold and stormy part of the day. spend most day in washing, Miss Hattie Doolen and Miss Mami Clark came to fecth Miss Nettie Peck to an entertainment, as we were going to bed before 9.

Wed 3rd arose before 7. W. changeable sewed most of the day did some housework Miss Addia Macer and Miss May Perry called. Recived a letter from my husband, retired about 10

Thu 4th arose about 7. W. fine did housework and ironing. Read the

6. On March 1, 1886, James Moyle, George H. Taylor, Samuel F. Ball, James O. Poulson, and O. F. Due were sentenced to six months of imprisonment, fined three hundred dollars for unlawful cohabitation, and sent to the penitentiary. *Chronology*, 129.

account of Utah Stake Conference ~~mtt~~ much rich instruction was given. Brother Bates Noble, was a witness to the first Sealing done in plural marriage. My heart was made glad this eve to see my sons Nephi and George the latter I have not seen for nearly three weeks retired about 10 11.

~~Thu~~ Fri 5th arose about 7. a.m. fine p.m. stormy snow falling, did washing shirt cutting out, Miss Jane Watson [Mary Jane Blood Watson] called, retired about 10. [*In left margin: Brother Green went to day*] Miss Hattie Doolen and Mrsers Smith and Taylor called on Miss Peck on night before last.

Sat 6th arose about 7. snow on the ground did housework and repairing and made a fine shirt. Miss May Perry and her Grandpa called, had a pleasant chat with the latter; retired about 10. sadly tired

Sun 7th arose about 7. day cloudy and cold, large flakes of snow falling this eve. Did housework a.m. reading p.m. Misses Jennie and Dottie Peck called on their Sister. My sons Nephi and George and their friend Master Charlie Griggs made me a very pleasant call this eve, George stayed over night retired about 10.

Mon 8th arose at 6. snow on the ground, a.m. cloudy p.m. fine. Washed most of the day. Misses Hattie Doolen and Mamie Clark called, also Georgie who stayed all night, retired about 10.

Tue 9th arose before 6 wrote a letter to my Husband, notes to Addie Brother Spry, and and Brother Morris. At noon received a letter from my Husband giving me the offer of going to St George. Did writing and repairing. Miss May Perry called also Brother George Evans of Lehi and Mr Cheever; Miss Nettie Peck sang very sweetly for us I joined her in several duets, My little George went back to Salt Lake to day. W. unpleasant to day retired about 11.

Wed 10th arose before 7. pouring rain dureing the night, snow on the ground this morning cold and snowing all day did coloring and wrote to my Husband and Addie and Miss brown, also took an extract from an Epistle of the twelve Apostles on evil speaking retired about 12. [*In left margin: received a letter from (Addie to day)*]

Thu 11th arose soon after 6. two or three inches of snow on the ground and more falling wrote to Georgie and sent off a parcel did writing and cutting out and sewing. My son Nephi called this eve Aunt Clara gone to see the Mexican Ministrels retired about 9. 11. years ago to day my Father died. 11. years ago to day Prest Brigham young was in the Penitenitary.

Fri 12th arose about 7. p.m. fine sewed all day, received a letter from my Husband. Father Pratt called, had a plasant chat with him. retired about 10.30.

Sat 13th arose about 7. W. fine, did housework ironing and repairing. About 5. p.m. my Husband came in from Spanish Fork. haveing left S.L. City this a.m. Accompanied my Husband to see a family whom he brought out with him when he returned from his European Mission in 69 by the

name of Williams found them already gone to bed. Rain and wind on our return home, Retired about 10.

Sun 14th arose about 7. W. fine cold and windy. Aunt Clar invited the the following guessts to visit us Mrs Jennie Tanner Mrs Harrington Brother and Sister Pratt Aunt Clar's parents. About 4. p.m. my Husband left on the afternoon Train. Aunt Clara and I accompanied Sister Harrington home. retired about 10.

Mon 15th arose about 7. W. fine and cold spent a good part of the day in washing, rested p.m. or tried to Mrs Mollie J. Cluft called with her Babe and Miss Cluft retired about 10.

Tue 16th arose before 7. W. cloudy and mild did housework and ironing Mr George Young called. also Sister Jennie Tanner and Miss Retta Young. later Miss Nettie Peck and Miss Hattie Doolen, read in the eve retired about 10.30.

Wed 17th arose about 6. W. cloudy and cold did ironing and writing Mrs Jennie Tanner and Miss strong and Miss Grace Tanner called. About 5. p.m. my sons Nephi and George and their Brother Jonnie arrived from S.L. City. retired about 10 Recived a letter from Addie, answered it

Thu 18th arose at 6.30. rain durement the night, snow most of to day did housework and crochet work. Bro Loveridge called retired about 9.30

Fri 19th arose soon after 6. 4. or 5. inches of snow on the ground W. clear and cold. Did housework cutting out, and repairing retired about 10.30.

Sat 20th arose about 6.30. W. fine, did housework and repairing. recived a letter and papers from my Husband retired about 10.30.

Sun 21st arose before 6. W. fine and very bright, attended to home affairs spent part of p.m. in reading Miss Nettie Peck and Mr Cheever called, wrote to my Husband retired about 12.

Mon 22nd arose about 6.20. W. fine spent most of the he day in washing retired about 10.30.

Tue 23rd arose about 7.30. W. fine did housework and sewing retired about 10.30 Miss May Perry called.

Wed 24th arose about 6. W. fine Father Pratt called, did housework ironing and sewing recived a paper containing many important items of news retired about 9.

Thu 25th arose about 6.15. W. fine Did housework a.m. repairing p.m. Father Pratt called. Wrote letters to Effie and Addie, notes to A.G. Giaque and Nick Thomas. retired about 1. oclock.

Fri 26th arose about 7. W. cold, cloudy and windy. Did housework a.m. rested p.m. feeling as if I had been up with the sick. Received a letter and parcel from my Daughter Addie to night. Retired about 11.

Sat 27th arose before 6. two or three inches of snow on the ground wrote a letter to my Daughter Addie, Did houhework all most of the day. W. fine and cold, quite frosty to night retired about 11.

Sun 28th arose about 8. still feeling tired W. fine and cold, did housework a.m. assisted also p.m. read a good part of the afternoon. Misess Nettie Peck, May Perry and Miss Davis called. retired about 11.

Mon 29th arose about 6. W. fine and cold, washed most of the day Miss May Perry called and Miss Jennie Peck, retired about 10.

Tue 30th arose about 6. W. fine did ironing and housework. Sister Tanner Called. about 6.30 this eve. About 9. this eve Dep Marshals Smith of S.L. City and Redfield of Provo, and supeaned Bro Loveridge and Aunt Clara to appear before the Grand Jury of the third district. About 10. this eve came over to spent the night at Bro Andrew Watsons retired about 11.

Wed 31st arose about 8 heard the clock strike 12,1,2,3, and 4. Sister Watson came into my bedroom this a.m. and kindly greeted me, she and her husband being at a Weding last night he leaving the gay party to take me over to his home for saftey; spent the day with Sister Watson; did cutting out and dressmakeing. Came over to Aunt Claras to sleep. Aunt Clara and Her Husband and his other Wife and oldest daughter Went to S.L. City this p.m. to appear before the grand Jury We retired about 10.

April 1886

Thu 1st arose soon after 5. W. fine and warm as yesterday Did housework ironing and dressmakeing It is hard to tell what Will happen to us as a people, or a family before April 1817. retired about 10.

Fri 2nd arose about 5. W. cloudy rain last night. did housework most of the day. About 10. a.m. my heart leaped with joy to se my Daughter Addie and babe. About 3. p.m. Aunt Clara came home from L.L. City weary and heartbroken her Husband being indict for Polygamy, himself and famly being placed under heavy bonds of \$15.000⁷ retired about 11.

Sat 3rd arose about 7. W. cold and changeable, snow hail and rain did housework most of the day, tended Addie's baby late in the afternoon retired about 10.

Sun 4th arose soon after 5. W. fine Did housework a.m. My Husband and his little Daughter Josey arrived in the mornings Train.⁸ I tendd Addies babe a.m. and part of p.m. she is a fine lovely Babe Addie and her Husband

7. Ledru C. Loveridge, with whose family Mary Lois and Kate Morris were staying in Provo, was subpoenaed to Salt Lake City to be a witness in a polygamy case and then on April 1, 1886, was himself charged with unlawful cohabitation. He had two wives, Clara Pratt (1841–1938), whom he married in 1877, and Sarah Lunn (1850–1937), whom he married in 1869. *Deseret Evening News*, April 1, 1886.

8. According to Mary Lois's memoir, her husband Elias came to Provo for the April General Conference of the LDS church. Memoir 234; p. 197.

and babe my Husband and little Josey left on the afternoon Train, walked down with then with them a few blocks; feel rather lonely now they are gone and little Kate feels quite a yerning for home, Aunt Clar's Neice Mrs Clara Henry, and Husband two children and Jesse W. Crosby came in from Pang ths p.m. Granpa Pratt called this p.m. retired about 12.

Mon 5th arose before 7. W. lovely did housework a good part of the day; Aunt Clara and her friends have gone to the Theater to night. Took care of house and children. retired at half past 1. oclock

Tue 6th arose about 6: 7.30. did housework most of the day W. fine. About noon to day I was much surprised to see my Soninlaw Mr E. T. Ashton. on his way home after a years abcnce. Miss and Mrs Clayton called, Mrs Rosa shelton dined with us. Brother Joseph [Henry] Dean called this p.m. Brothers Saul Hale and Joe Clark supped with us. Aunt Clara and her friends have gone to the Theater to night Katie and I have charge of home and Children retired about 1.30 oclock.

Wed 7th arose about 7.30. a.m. fine p.m. cloudy. did housework most of the day. Bro. Henry and family continued their journey this p.m. Conference closed at noon to day. It is said to have been one of the Conferences their has ever been. The Epistle of the first Presidency was read yesterday most of the day taken up in reading it, I read seven colums of it in the Newspaper this eve. it is a very grand and truthful document.⁹ Retired about 10.30.

Thu 8th arose before 7. rain falling p.m. fine did housework a.m. dressmakeing p.m. called on Miss Jennie Watson this eve retired before ten

Fri 9th arose before 4. W. fine did housework and dressmakeing retired about 10

Sat 10th arose about 5. W. quite warm, did housework a.m. dressmakeing p.m. Miss May Perry and Mr Cheever called received a letter from my Husband retired about 10.30. My little Kate is 10. years old to day may heaven bless her footsteps.

Sun 11th arose about 6. a.m. hot p.m. cloudy and cooler Misses Nettie Peck and Martha Mellon called this p.m. Worote a letter to my Husband; helped with home affairs, retired about 10.

Mon 12th arose about 6. a.m. cloudy did a large washing got through about 3.30. had to retire, being unable to sit up any more to day. Retired about 10.30

9. As the threat of arrest prevented the First Presidency of the LDS church from attending the April 1886 General Conference in person, the group of leaders wrote this epistle to the members of the church. The epistle addressed the "persecution" from federal authorities for the practice of polygamy. "An Epistle of the First Presidency: To the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, in General Conference Assembled," *Deseret Evening News*, April 6, 1886.

Tue 13th arose about 7.30. still feeling tired and over done. Rain fell all night a.m. cloudy and rather cold, About 10. a.m. oclock Bro Loveridge came to tell me that my Husband was taken by U.S. Officers for Liveing with and acknowledgeing his Wives and children and that the sooner I got out of the way the better.¹⁰ He kindly took me and little Kate to a family by of Rushton spent most of the day there About 4. p.m. Aunt Clara came over to tell me that my Nephew John Morris was subpoenaed Shortly afterwards my Husband and sons came in search of me. My Husband returned to S.L. City on the 10.30 p.m. Train. p.m. cloudy, snow began to fall about 8. p.m. retired about 10.30.

Wed 14 arose before 5. snow on the ground and still falling p.m. mostly fine. Did cutting out, ironed most of the day. My Husband turned up about 3. oclock haveing tried untill 2. oclock this a.m. to go off on the night freight Train. I have been expecting deputies all day to arrest or rather supboena me as a witness on husbands case, retired about 10 30

Thur 15th arose before 6 W. fine, about 8. oclock went over to Bro Rushtons, was treated very Kindely and with great respect; in the eve Bro R sang and payed for us Did repairing most of the day Bro R. brought us home before 10. retired about 10.30.

Fri 16th arose before 6. W. fine about 8. oclock went over to Bro Watson's this being the 20th time That I have moved for fear of our enemies. Did ~~se~~ housework ironing and sewing Miss Maggie Watson ~~calte~~ came home to day had a pleasant chat with her. Mrs. Clara Henry arrived from S.L. City yesterday Retired about 10.30.

Sat 17th arose about 6. W. fine but cloudy. Did Housework, about 9. oclock went over to Brother Watsons feeling rather unsafe, making the twentyfirst time that I have moved on account of our enemies. Sewed all day. About noon received a very cheering letter from my Husband. Heavy Gale about 5. p.m. sprinkling rain came home about 7. did housework, retired about 10.

Sun 18th arose about 5.30. W. cloudy and cold did housework most of the day Bro Henry started home to day Aunt Clara took me over to call upon Mrs M. J. Cluff this eve had a pleasant time, retired about 11.

10. Mary Lois stayed in hiding in Provo off and on for six months, from December 1885 to May 1886. Toward the end of her time in hiding, on April 12, 1886, a grand jury convened in the Third District Court to decide whether to issue an indictment for her husband Elias Morris. The grand jury issued the indictment on April 19, 1886, accusing Elias Morris of unlawful cohabitation between May 1, 1883, and December 31, 1885, and authorizing a warrant for his arrest. The warrant, which was signed by presiding judge Charles Zane, empowered the U.S. marshal to arrest Elias Morris "in the nighttime if necessary." Although Elias and his first wife, Mary Parry, testified at the hearing for the indictment, Mary Lois was not discovered and thus did not testify. *United States of America v. Elias Morris*.

Mon 19th arose about 6.30 W. fine did housework all day, Aunt Clara and her Neice have gone to see some old friends, Sister Tanner called; I wrote a letter to my Neice Zadie Walker. retired about 11.

Tue 20th arose at 5.30. W. fine did the weeks washing a.m. rested p.m. not being able to sit up retired about 11. Bro Loveridge and family went to Coart to day

Wed 21st arose about 6.30. am fine p.m. cloudy Sister Henry and children started home this a.m. Did housework a.m. repairing p.m. Bro Paul Neel called as Adacemie Teacher this eve retired about 10.30.

Thu 22nd arose 6. W. drizzly did repairing and housework also assisted Miss Jannie Watson in makeing a dress, Sister Tanner called. Raining this eve, retired about 10.

Fri 23rd arose about 6. W. changeable. Did housework a.m. sewing p.m. Recived a letter from my daughter Addie she is anxious about our wellfare bless her! Wrote to my Husband.¹¹ George is sick to night with fever and sore throat, have put him through a course of threatment and anointed him with Holy oil, retired after 12.

Sat 24th arose about 7. W. fine Aunt Clara is sick. George is better thank God. W. fine, rain last night did housework as most of the day, Miss May Perry came up this eve retired before 12.

Sun 25th arose before 8. rain last night W. mostly fine; cold wind hail storm about noon Did housework most of the day Miss Nettie Peck called also Grandpa Pratt. Attended 4th Ward this eve with Sister Watson. the speakers were Brothers Meldrum Corbet and Watson retired about 10.30.

Mon 26th arose about 6.30. W. fine, Aunt Clara better, did housework a.m. sewing p.m. About 2. p.m. Deputy Redfield came and subpeoned Aunt Clara to appear at S.L. City tomorrow morning at ten on the Dean case. I spent most of p.m. over to Bro Watson for fear of ~~bea~~ being subeoned. Sister Tanner called retired about 10.

Tue 27th arose about 6 a.m. cloudy and cold wind p.m. bright. About 10 oclock went over to Sister Watsons for fear of being subpeonad did housework and sewing retired about 10.30.

Wed 28th arose at 6.30. W. fine did housework a.m. Sister Watson and Bro Loveridge and Grandpa Pratt and Miss Daniels called. Did a large washing p.m. Aunt Clara still away retired about 11.

Thu 29th arose about 5.30. W. fine and warm. did housework most of the day, did a good deal of fine ironing this eve. Aunt Clara arrived home this p.m. still feeling quite sick. Retired about 11.30.

11. Mary Lois's husband, Elias, was apprehended on April 22, 1886, by U.S. Marshal E. A. Ireland and placed under a fifteen thousand dollar bond to appear at his trial for unlawful cohabitation. His bond was cosigned by prominent Utah businessmen William S. Godbe and John C. Cutler. The trial did not take place until September 26, 1887, almost a year and a half later. *United States of America v. Elias Morris*.

Fri 30th arose about 6. W. fine, about 9. a.m. went over to Sister Watson's to begin preparations for the Wedding.¹² About 10. o'clock the Bride and groom arrived from Logan. Made Wedding cake and four other kinds of cake. A number of guests arrived from distant parts. Came home about 10. retired about 11.

May 1886

Sat Sat 1st arose about 7.30. feeling sadly tired; about 10. o'clock went over to Sister Watson's. Frosted and decorated the Wedding cake, it was modest ~~but~~ in appearance, but attractive and much admired. Made two large puddings, prepared the confectionary for the tables helped prepare and serve supper about fifty guests sat down, all went off easily and pleasantly. After supper was introduced to the company in my own name having got through with underground business for the peasant, and it seems ever so good.¹³ About an hour before midnight was called to cut the Cake. When the top story was lifted off the Bride claimed it to take to a distant part of the Territory. The evening was spent in innocent games an excellent spirit prevailed, dismissed by singing and prayer. W. fine but cold wind a.m. Retired about 1. o'clock.

Sun 2nd arose about 8. feeling very tired but thankful that it is in my power to return favor to those who have befriended me in time of peril. Did housework a.m. Grandma Pratt spent the day with us, Sister Tanner called, Wrote to my Husband this eve, retired about 11.

Mon 3rd arose soon after 5. feel over done yet from last week's work. W. fine cloudy, sunshine and rain at the same time. Did repairing housework writing and sewing Aunt Clara and babe went for a drive; retired about 10.

Tue 4th arose about 5.30. W. fine, did repairing and sewing, retired about 10

Wed 5th arose about 5. ~~Wed~~ fine and quite warm, did housework and dressmaking Nephi sick this eve retired about 10.

Thu 6. arose about 6.30. W. still quite warm. did housework dressmaking and the week's washing, retired about 11. feeling sadly over done

Fri 7th arose about 7. feeling weak and weary, W. hot did dressmaking all day retired about 10.

Sat 8th arose about 5. W. hot did repairing, sewing and ironing.

12. Mary Lois is referring to the wedding of the daughter of Jane Allen and Andrew Watson, Mary Jane (Jennie) Blood Watson Allen (1860–1951), who married John Harvey Allen on April 28, 1886.

13. Mary Lois no longer needed to remain in hiding because her husband Elias Morris had been apprehended on a charge of illegal cohabitation and had signed a bond to appear in court for his trial. *United States of America v. Elias Morris*.

accompanied Aunt Clara up town find Provo a very pretty quiet town with many handsome buildings Met Mr James [Fielding] Dunn Jr. son of my old friend Traverst most of the business parts of the City. accompanied Aunt Clara to see Mrs Jennie Tanner who is Matron of the Academy Hotel whos Husband is on a Mission to Turkey and the Holy Land returned home about 10. did some more repairing retired about 12. feeling sick with fatigue.

Sun 9th arose about 5. W. fine soon after 9. a.m. started for the morning Train; by politeness of Bro. and Sister Watson went in their conveyance. and accompanied by the newly weded pair Mrs Jennie Watson Allen and her Husband; after a pleasant ride of about twenty minutes arrived at Spanish Fork. Was met at the depot by Miss Maggie [Margaret Jean] Watson who is teaching school here, and came to the Train to bid her Sister Jennie Good bye, as she passess through to Nephi. A few minutes later Bro Stringer drove up with a nice buggie to take us to town; Miss Maggie spent p.m. with us, Bro Stringer and his family doing all in their power to make us happy. At 7.30. this eve a number of welsh brethen and sisters met for the purpose of holding a testimony meeting; in the welsh language. Met and greeted Bros Philip Sykes Bro T.C. Martell, Jos Reece Sister Mary Jones Isaacs, and others. Bros Sykes Reece addressed the people in the English laguace. Retired about 11. in a downey bed.

Mon 10th arose about 8 7.30. W. fine but cool. About 10. oclock was called upon by Mrs Benjamin Isaacs who greeted me very cordially for my Husbands sake and invited me to dine with her tomorrow. About noon to day accompanied by little Kate and Brother and Sister Stringer went to dine with our friend Sister Mary Jones and her Daughters and Neice, spent the afternoon very pleasantly takeing my work with me. About 8.30. came home, Missess M.J. Jones and Miss Lizzie Ann Morgan accompanying us, who with Miss O. Stringer sang and ~~and~~ played very sweetly for us, Bro Stringer joining also; retired about 11.

Tue 11th arose about 5.30. W. fine but cool, wrote up my Journal and prepared for our visit to Sister ~~Pheb~~ Phebe Isacs. Spent the day very pleasantly. Mrs Mary J. Isaac insisted upon us spending the eve with her and Lucy Davis came home about 9.30. retired about 10.30.

Wed 12th arose about 6. W. fine and cool ~~spent the~~ was called upon by Bro Roland [Rowland Griffith] Thomas had a chat with him about his departed Wife [Mary Ann Unger Thomas]. Chated with Sister E. Llewellyn my Husband old friend yester day morning Spend this p.m. with Mrs Annie Davis Powll. also attended a funeral met many friends sewed most of the p.m. Came home about 8.30. wrote to my Husband. Miss Maggie Watson called took a moonlight trip with her, Katie attended Conjoint meeting with Misses Stringer and Watson finished my letter and retired before 12.

Thu 13th arose about 7. W. fine but cool wraps comfortable. Listened to interesting converse of brother Stringer about 10.30. Mrs Betsy Thomas called to state that she was expecting us to dine with her. About noon we arrived spent the afternoon very pleasantly going over a period of our lives thirty years came home about 9. retired before 12.

Fri 14th arose about 7. W. fine but rather cool wraps and fires comfortable. Wrote and rested a.m. About noon Miss Stringer took me to see Mrs Lucy Davis. about 3. p.m. Sister Stringer and my little Kate came to accompany me to see Mrs Ellen Roberts Lewis friend of my Husbands family. This is my fifty first birth day, I thank God for all his mercies and desire that ~~that~~ he will preserve us in the faith. Retired about 12

Sat 15th arose about 7. W. fine and warmer did sewing a.m. ~~About~~ between 12 and 1. o'clock accompanied by Sister Stringer went to visit Brother and Sister Llewellyn spent afternoon very pleasantly converseing and takeing sewing and knitting with me on every ocaion. In the eve Sister Llewellyn took me to see the Motherless family of Bro Roland Thomas; found all in peace and and order. Sister Stringer came to take me home little Kate skipping along through the moonlight. Reached home about 9.30. Taught Miss Stringer a pattern in fancy knitting thus ends one of the happiest weeks of my life. retired about 11.30.

Sun 16th arose about 7 W. quite warm, dined with Sister Mary Jones; about 2. o'clock accompanied by bro and Sister Stringer and Sister Jones rode to the Depot, waited about two hours for the Train, arrived at Provo about 4.30. Found two letters waiting me, fom Effie and Addie, retired retired about 10.

Mon 17th arose at 5.30. W. hot, Did the weeks washing a.m. rested p.m. retired about 10.

Tue 18th arose about 5.30. spent the day in ironing retired about 9 W. hot

Wed 19th arose at 5.15. W. hot Accompanied by little Kate, Aunt Clara and Mrs Mollie J Cluff went to spent the day with Mrs David John. had a pleasant time. In the eve called on B Bro and Sister Rushton. Sisters Maggie and Pheme Watson retired about 10.30.

Thu 20th arose about 5. W. hot wrote a note to my Daughter Addie Spent most of the day in packing retired about 10.

Fri 21st arose about 5. W. hot. Attended the closeing exersizes of the B.Y. Academy Governor C.W. [Caleb Walton] West was in attendance, had a pleasant time, dined at the Academy. Spent an hour with Sister Sarah [Lunn] Loveridge started for home on the p.m. Train, arrived about 7. found Addie and her Husband and babe, Effie and little Marvin, Sister Cannon and Miss Nora awaiting me Addie prepared a very nice supper. Spent the eve in pleasant converse, Addie singing and playing for us. retired about 10.30.

Sat 22nd arose about 5. W. hot, spent the day in cleaning, ~~rets~~ retired about 11.

Sun 23rd arose about 5. W. hot, Atended to home affairs a.m. Went to the Tabrnacle p.m. we were addressed by Elders John reading, James L. McMurren, and Thomas Auberg. Bro McMurrin spoke with great power. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Marster Charley Griggs visited Nephi, retired about 10.

Mon 24th arose about 5. W. hot dust and wind last night. Spent the day in washing, felt sick most of the day, Addie George and the baby called this eve, retired about 10.

Tue 25th arose about 5. W. hot, spent most of the day in cleaning. Received a letter this eve from Prest Joseph E. Taylor, called on my Councilor Sister Waterfall concerning the same. Read for the Children in the eve, which is one of the pleasures of our home and we are thankful to be here again Nephi began bookkeeping at the Mill this a.m. retired after 10.

Wed 26th arose about 5. W. hot, did housework and the weeks ironing, Aunt Nett called this eve retired about 10.30.

Thu 27th arose about 6. W. hot, did housework and repairing and began housecleaning retired about 10.

Fri 28th arose 5. W. hot continued housecleaning, attended Primary on special business had a pretty good time Addie George and babe called and brought ice cream and strawberrys retired about 10.

Sat 29th arose about 5. W. hot kept on housecleaning. Thunder and rain about noon. Accompanied by little Kate called on Addie Nephi and George Joining us, retired about 11.

Sunday 30th arose about 5. W. hot did housework a.m. at noon went to the funeral of Edward James ~~Ki~~ King. came home about 2. oclock, attended to home affairs Went to Ward meeting in the eve called on Effie in the eve, met Addie and George, retired about 10.30.

Mon 31st arose at 5.30 rain last night day cool did housework most of the day Addie and George called also Effie and Ed. Accom by Nephi George and Kate went to the Theatre to witness The Green Lanes Of England, retired after 12.

June 1886

Tue 1st arose about 6 W. cool did housework all day. Addie spent most of the day with us. Mr Bntly called this eve retired about 10.

W 2nd arose about 5. W. fine, did housework all day. Aunt Nett and Rose called also Addie and babe retired about 10 30.

Thu 4 3rd arose at 5.30. W warm did housecleaning all day, called on Mrs Hisky this eve. retired before 11.

Fri 4th arose about 5. W. warm did housecleaning all day. Addie came and ironed for us this p.m. bless her! retired about 11.

Sat 5th arose about 5. W. hot continued housecleaning. The 6th Ward silver Band serenaded my Husband to night. Retired about 11.

Sun 6th arose at 6. W. warm attended to home affairs a.m. rested part of p.m. Addie and George called this p.m. Thunder lightening and rain this eve, retired before 10.

Mon 7th arose at 5.30. W. cooler, did housework all day, retired about 11.

Tue 8th arose about 5. W. quite warm spent the day in cleaning, retired about 10.

Wed 9th arose about 5. W. warm, ~~did housework all a.m. received a visit from my Sister this p.m. we have not met since last December.~~ Bros Fred Morgan—Boyed day Addie called this p.m. retired about 11. Bros Fred Morgan and Boyed called as Teachers.

Thu 10th arose about 5. W. warm did housework a.m. Recived a visit from my Sister this p.m. we have not met scinc last December very high wind last night and to night shower of rain yester day at noon. retired about 10.

Fri 11th arose about 5. W. warm put three rooms back in order retired about 10.

Sat 12th arose at 3.30. W. cool. did housework all day, high wind this p.m. pouring rain to night to night retired before 11. Mrs Hortence Jones called yester day.

Sun 13th arose before 7. W. cool, fires and wraps desirable Did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Elder John Nicholson spoke Met Bro David John of Provo who is indi for liveing with and supporting his Wives.¹⁴ Attended Ward meeting, Bp. McCay and J.M. Simons spoke very well. Went down to see ~~Addie~~ Effie. met Addie on the way, turned home with her sat on the steps with her and dear babe an hour or more waiting for her Husband to return from meeting. retired at 11.

Mon 14th arose about 5. W. cold spent most of the day in cleaning and painting; read for the Children in the eve retired at 11.

Tue 15th arose about 5.30. W. cool, did general housework a.m. p.m. put two more rooms to right. High cold wind this eve scince sundown. Wrote to my brother this eve retired about 11.

Wed 16th arose about 5. W. lovely did housework all day Addie and baby called this eve retired about 10.

Thu 17th arose about 4.30. W. fine, spent most of the day in ironing. retired about 11.

Fri 18th arose before 6. W. fine spent most of the day in washing beding, spent an hour or so with the Primary before sundown called on Sisters

14. David John (1833–1908), a resident of Provo, was the son of Mary Williams and Daniel John. He had two wives, Mary Wride (1831–1905) and Jane Cree (1845–1927). On June 12, 1886, David John was arrested on the charge of unlawful cohabitation and taken to Salt Lake City, where he was arraigned before Commissioner McKay. *Chronology*, 133.

Ball whos Husband is in ~~Prison~~ the Penitentiary for concience sake. Retired about 11.

Sat 19th arose about 4.30. W. fine spent most of the day in cleaning. In the eve made preparations for the sabbath retired about 10.30.

Sun 20th arose about 5. W. fine did housework a.m. and read and rested spent p.m. and evening at home guarding the Children; read Evening News and Lidia Nights History,¹⁵ ~~called on~~ my son in law called on us this eve accompanied him home to see Effie, met Addie, George and the baby they look splendid. Nephi and George met us returning home retired about 10.30.

Mon 21st arose about 5 W. fine, did housework and dressmakeing retired after 11.

Tue 22nd arose about 5. W. hot spent the day at Calders Farm with the Ward Sunday School retired about 10.

Wed 23rd arose about 5. W. hot. did housework most of the day Addie and darling babe spent p.m. with us retired about 10.30.

Thu 24th arose at 3. oclock W. hot and sultry cloudy this eve. churned before sunrise did housework most of the day some ironing this eve retired about [*illegible number*] wrote to Miss Stringer before retireing.

Fri 25th arose about 5. W. hot did cutting out, shirt making ironing and housework. Transacted business up town. Called on my Daughter Aaddie this eve retired about 10.

Sat 26th arose about 5. W. hot, spent most of the day in cleaning. Dear Addie and sweet babe called this eve, retired about 11.

Sun 27th arose about 6.30. W. hot did housework a.m. Aunt Nett called; spent p.m. at home guarding the Children beliveing it to be my duty to do so though desireing to attend meeting. Retired after 10.

Mon 28th arose about 3.30. churned before sunrise. did housework and shirtmaking. Addie and George called retired about 11. W. hot.

Tue 29th arose about 6.30. W. hot did housework painting and cleaning. retired about 11.

Wed 30th arose about 5. days hot, and nights cool. Did housework washing and cleaning Addie and babe called retired about [*illegible number*]

July 1886

Thu 1st arose about 5. W. hot did housework. transacted business in town. attended Fast Meeting retired about 10.

15. Susa Young Gates's *Lydia Knight's History* was a biography of Lydia Knight, one of the earliest members of the LDS church. The book recounts her conversion to the church, marriage to Newel Knight, and experiences being persecuted and driven from Missouri.

Fri 2nd arose about 6. W. hot, evening cool did housework and a good deal of cleaning Nephi and George and John and Earnest, accompanied by other Boys of the Ward attended a meeting of the lesser Priesthood, at the request of the Bishop retired about 12.

Sat 3rd arose about 4 W. hot windy and dusty did housework all day, Addie spent p.m. with us. About noon to day Nephi started for East Canyon accompanied by Mr [blank] the Miller John Parry Elias Jones John and Elias Morris. Retired about 10.30

Sun 4th arose about 6.30. W. hot spent the day at home Addie spent it with us. Attended Ward meeting in the eve, retired about 12.

Mon 5th arose about 5. W. very pleasant spent the day at Draper, with the Cannon family. enjoying the hospitality of the Crosgrove, family was treated with great kindness by both families to the early Train returned about 7.30. haveing spent a very pleasant day retired about 10.

Tue 6th arose about 5.30. W. hot did housework all day retired about 10.

Wed 7th arose about 5 W. hot, nights sultrs. did the days work and a good deal of cleaning. Addie and George called this eve retired about 10.

Thu 8th arose ~~about 4~~ before 4. W. hot, did housework and cutting outt. Nephi and George attended lesser Priesthood meeting retired about 10.30

Fri 9th arose about 5. W. very hot, did housework and a large ironing. Sister Grey called retired about 10.30.

Sat 10th arose about 5. another hot night, past did housework most of the day some cutting out and sewing, retired about 11.

Sun 11th arose before 6 W. hot, hot, hot, did hosework a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elder B.H. Roberts spoke grandly there were a great many strangers in attendance. Attended Ward meeting in the eve, my son Nephi was one of those chosen to be ordained a deacon. Called on my Daughter Effie after meeting, retired about 11. ~~Mon~~

Mon 12th arose at 5. W. very hot did housework all day retired at 10.

~~*Wed 7th* arose at 4.45~~

Tue 13th arose at 5. W. very hot a hundred and 14 deg, in the shade. Did housework a.m. shirtmaking p.m. retired about 11.

Wed 14th arose before 5. W. hot windy and dusty p.m. Did housework, washing and cleaning. Mrs Mary Ann Gardner called, also Addie and George and sweet babe, retired about 11.

Thu 15th arose before 4. W very hot, tended to home affairs did a good deal of cleaning some sewing. Have concluded to adopt the old Time" which is the correct time according to the Sun, for it seems very wrong to say it is half past 5. in the morning, in the longest days, when the Sun has not peept over the mountains yet I am sorry the World has become smarter than Mr Sun!¹⁶ retired before 11.

16. Many people, like Mary Lois, did not like the new standard time. Her complaint that

Fri 16th arose about 5. W. very hot did housework and ironing, attended primary meeting, had a very pleasant time a good spirit pealed Spoke to the Children upon keeping the sabbath upon the power of healing, upon Church history and upon honoring our leaders and upon Natural history. About 8 o'clock this eve we received the shocking News that our dear Nephew Richard V. Jones accidentally shot himself through the head.¹⁷ My Husband bore the terrible news to his dear and only Sister. My Husband's other Wife and myself and kind neighbours spent the night with Aunt Barbara. trying to comfort her. At 5. minutes past 12. My Husband went down on a special Train to bring up the body

Sat 17th went to bed at 4. 3. o'clock arose at 4. Aunt Barbara still greiving terribly. Stayed with her until about 9. this a.m. came home attended to home affairs. Addie called this eve retired about 11.

Sun 18th arose about 6. W. very hot high wind at night. About 1. p.m. to day Aunt Barbara viewed the remains for the first time, her grief was heart rending. About fortyfive of his friends came up from Provo City, where he was stationed as Telegraph operator. He was a bright and promising youth, beloved by all who knew him, and a great prop to his dear Mother who loved him most tenderly. The funeral was held at 2. o'clock to day the speakers were Elders James Dunn Jr and John Peters of Provo. Elders James and John Sharp, and George Bywater of S.L. City. The ceremonies were very comforting. the 15th Ward Choir discoursed very sweet music. The coffin was covered with flowers. After the funeral Most of the family gathered over at the other house, Cousins Dick Nell and Lidia Morris came over to see me George and Addie called. Later in the eve Addie, Mina and Angus Cannon Jr. called. & Aunt Barbara ~~called~~ stayed with us to night, retired about 11.

Mon 19th arose about 5. W. hot, did housework all day. My Neice Clarabell Ridges called, Aunt Nett called this eve retired about 12.

Tue 20th arose about 5. W. very hot, did housework and cutting out and went up town, sick this p.m. better this eve retired about 11.

Wed 21st arose about 5. W. cooler. Did housework sewing and a good deal of cleaning, Addie spent p.m. with us, Brother F.W. Morgan and J.P. Evans called as teachers retired after 12.

Thu 22nd arose about 5.30. W. hot, feel over done have to rest a good deal to day while doing the duties thereof, did ironing in the eve retired about 11.

clock time conflicted with seasonal variations in sunlight was especially common. Schlereth, *Victorian America*, 29–31.

17. On July 16, 1886, Mary Lois's nephew Richard Vaughan Jones, a telegraph operator in Provo, was accidentally killed in Provo Canyon by the discharge of a gun that slid from his hand and fired at his head. Richard Jones was the son of Barbara Elizabeth Morris, Elias Morris's sister, and William Price Jones. *Deseret Evening News*, July 17, 1886.

Fri 23rd arose about 5. W. hot a little rain last night did housework ironing and preared for the Morrow, retired about 11. Aunt Nett and Aunt Barbar called

Sat 24th arose about 5. W. hot went to the Jubile before 10 the exersizes were very impressive¹⁸ attended to home affairs p.m. rested in the eve Cousins Wm C. and Diantha Morris called retired at 11.

Sun 25th arose about 5 wrote up my Journal befor breakfast, rain last night. did housework a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elder Junius F. Wells spoke grandly. George and Addie called. Attended Ward meeting in the eve. Elder C.W. Staner spoke excelently. Called on my Neice Mrs Winnie Tibbs, met my Nephew Thomas Morris and family, called on the Wives of Bro Fred Ball who is in Prison for con sake. Retired about 10.

Mon 26th arose before 5. W. hot, did housework a.m. shirtmakeing p.m. retired about 10.

Tue 27th arose at 5. W. warm did housework, transacted business in town and did a good deal of cleaning Nephi is sick to day. Elias Jones called Winnie Jones spent the night with us retired about 10

Wed 28th arose at 5. W. fine did general housework and a good deal of cleaning Mrs Britt Misses Bell Russell and Laura Morga called retired about 10.

Thu 29th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework a ironing and attended a meeting of Primary Officers. Sister Ellen Clawsons Addi George and Nora and babe called retired about 10.

Fri 30th arose soon after 4 did dary work housework and sewng Alles did Primary meeting had a pleasant time. retired about 11.

Sat 31st arose about 5.30. spent most of the day in cleaning retired about 10 W. fine

August 1886

Sun 1st arose about 6. W. very warm did housework a.m. wnt to the Tabernacle p.m. we were addressed by Brother J.R. Morgan and Elder G G. Bywater. attended Ward meeting in the eve Elders Henry Herrimay, Rodney Badger and B.F. Cummings spoke to us in an excelent but solom manner called upon Sisters Ball read for the children from the bible retired about 11 wrote a note this a.m. to my Nephew Wm C. Morris.

Mon 2nd arose about 5. W. hot did housework most of the day some sewing. Aunt Barbara called. Called on Addie in the eve read for the children retired about 11.

18. This "jubilee" was a solemn assembly held in Salt Lake City to commemorate the Mormon pioneers' entrance into the Salt Lake Valley. *Chronology*, 135.

Tue 3rd arose about 5. W. hot did housework and sewing, and good deal of cleaning, called on Addie and Mrs Rudgar Clawson read for the Children in the eve retired about 11. Many thousands of the Grand Army of the Republic. have come and gone. some of them have made very bitter speaches about the Mormons.

Wed 4th arose about 6 5.30. W hot did housework most of the day, Sister Harrison called p.m. also Mrs. Burgoyne and Miss Martha also Sister Foster and Miss Parker. called on Addie and Mrs Emily [Augusta Young] Clawson. Retired about 11.

Thu 5th arose about 5.30. W. hot, attended Fast meeting at 10. a.m. soon after 2. p.m. attended the funeral of Bro George Chatfield who died yesterday, Addie and sweet babe called this eve retired about 11.

Fri 6th arose about 5.30. W. hot cloudy this eve, did housework most of the day Addie spent ~~most o~~ the day with us retired about 10

Sat 7th arose about 6. before 5. rain began to fall, gentle rain till about 2. p.m. did housework most of the day, retired after 11.

Sun 8th arose about 7. feeling very tired. W. hot, attended to home affairs all day. To day at noon recived a call from my little granddaughter Addie M. Cannon her dear Papa brought her in her little carrage, she is a lovely and attractive child. Attended Ward meeting this eve Brother Riter spoke very well. Met Addie and her sweet Babe and my little George on my way down to see my daughter Effie, fond her pretty well for her." Saw some beautyfull work in marble that Ed is doing, also the figure of a little Boy life size, in Sanpete stone that is very good as far as it has gone; the grave-stones are beautifully executed. His little work shop looks to me like an artists studio in embrio though he Mr Ashton is a master builder of very good report. I feel very thankful to my heavenly Father for the excelent young men he has chosen for my Daughter's Husband's as I placed these matters in the hands of the Allmighty, knowing that He knows best what is for our good. haveing trained my daughter so that they would not asso-ciatte with any but the best and most pure and good Latter day Saints. I thank my God for this also and hope that the young people will continue in the path they they are now treading. Feel to thank God that he gave me parents who brought me up in the streight and narrow path. may he help me to continue in it. I feel a good deal of satisfaction in the ability of my sonsinlaw Both of them excel in their profession Edward T. Ashton a in mas[onry] and the fine arts George M. Cannon. in litreture penmanship and history. Very high wind to night accompanied by thunder Lightening and rain. came home in the blaze of lightening Read for the Children from the Testment retired about 10.30.

Mon 9th arose before 5. W. hot did housework and sewing. Miss Clara Bockholt called. Winne Jones spent the night with Katie, read for the children in the eve retired about 10.

Tue 10th arose about 5. W. hot did housework and sewing and a good deal of cleaning. Accompanied by little Kate attended a meeting of the Corporation of the Ward. retired about 11. little Kate not very well to night retired about 10.30.

Wed 11th arose about 5.30. W. hot did housework all day Addie spent most of the day with us retired about 10.

Thu 12th arose about 5. W. very hot. a shower about noon, attended to home affairs a.m. At about 11. oclock went to sew carpet rags for the Wives of Brother Fred Ball who is in Prison for conscience sake, haveing gotten up a party for that perpose. Aunt Lavinia and her Mother Mrs Robins called this eve retired about 10.

Fri 13th arose at 5. W. hot, did housework all day spent a little time at Primary meeting, a good spirit prevaild my Daughter Addie helped us all day, retired about 10.

[*Written on a separate piece of paper inserted in the record: Sat 14th* arose about 5.30. W. hot. spent the day in cleaning retired about 11.]

Sun 15th arose about 5. W. hot cloudy in the eve. Did housework a.m. p.m. wrote an important letter to my Husband. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Bro John Clark spoke well the Bishop scolded the abesent ones. Called on my Daughter Effie read for the children in the eve from Testement retired about 11.

Mon 16th about 5. W. hot cloudy in the eve did housework most of the day, some sewing, recived a visit from my Daughter Addie Effie and Aunt Nett Effie and Nett spent a very pleasant eve with us Effie's Husban called, also another friend, who made peace with us, retired about 12.

Tue 17th arose about 5. W. fine and hot did house work all day, retired about 10.

Wed 18th arose at 5. W. hot windy cloudy and rain in the eve. My Husband went to Montana on the early Train this a.m. Did housework, and mad a shirt, retired about 10.30

Thu 19th arose at 5. W. cooler, after the rain. Did ironing dairy work and a good deal of cleaning. retired about 11.

Fri 20th arose at 5. W. hot. Did housework and repairing, attended Primary meeting p.m. had a pleasant time, feel thankfull to God for a portion of his spirit. Read for the children in the eve from the Deseret News. retired about 10. feeling sick with fatigue.

Sat 21st arose soon after 5. W. hot, did did housework and repairing attended 14th Ward meeting excelent instructions given retired about 11.

Sun 22nd arose about 7. W. hot did house a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Elders Arther Staner and Orsons F. Whitney spoke with great power and solomnity. Attended Ward meeting in the eve Elers Stuart of Draper, and Henry Young spoke wit grat power retired about 10.

Eighth Day Book
M. Lois Morris
Aug. 23rd—1886

[August 1886]

Mon 23rd arose at 5. W. fine did housework and dressmakeing, retired about 10.

Tue 24th arose about 5. W. fine did the days work and a good deal of cleaning, retired about 10.

Wed 25th arose about 5.30. W. hot did housework and ironing, some sewing. Elias Jones called this eve He starts for Montana in the Morning. Bros, David Edwards and Fred W. Morgan called as teachers. Retired about 11.

Thu 26th arose about 6. W. hot did housework a.m. p.m. attended a meeting of Primary Officers, held at Sister Elen C. Clawsons had a plasant time, very few present. Transacted business in town. attended to fruit in the eve. Addie George and darling Babe called to see us this eve. Had a trip up town after bedtime, took little Kate with me returned before 11. retired about 12.

Fri 27th arose about 6. W. hot did housework most of the day, Attended Primary Meeting p.m. had a pleasant time. the spirit God being with us. [*In left margin:* recived a letter from my Sister to day]. Did sewing this eve, Sister Jones called this eve, also Miss Clara Bockholt. Nephi George and their Brother John went to Garfield this p.m. returned on the early Train Called on Brother buckwell this eve, as a new comer, he makes his home with Sister Waterfall. Feel sick with fatiegue, to night retired about 12.

Sat 27th arose about 5.30 W. hot. spent most of the day in cleaning, did some repairing recived a letter from my Sister yesterday, read for the Children, retired about 11.

Sun 29th arose about 6.30. W, hot. did housework a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Bro James E. Talmadge spoke with great clearness and power. also Bro [blank] Spent the eve at home on accont of Nephi, though very anxious to go to meeting. Read for the children from the Testament. Bro Abram Cannon spoke in the Ward meeting he has just come of Prison.¹⁹ retired about 11.

Mon 30th arose about 5. W, cooler did housework and dressmakeing and other sewng, retired about 11.

Tue 31st arose about 5. W. fine, cloudy in the eve, dreadfully windy in the

19. On August 17, 1886, Abraham H. Cannon was discharged from the penitentiary. He had been sentenced on March 17, 1886, to six months of imprisonment and fined three hundred dollars for unlawful cohabitation. *Chronology*, 130, 135.

eve did the days work and a good deal of cleaning Miss Clara Bockholt called read for the children in the eve retired about 10.

September 1886

Wed 1st arose about 5.30. heavy rain last night W. rather cold and damp loud thunder, and lightening p.m. rain this eve did housework and ironing Sisters Foster and Parker called, spent the eve in writing. Nephi, and George are having a grand time in the dineingroom at Gymnastics. Read for the children before retireing about 10. [*In top margin, written upside down: Sep 1st 1886 a terable Earthquake in Charleston South Carolina to night or early thursday a.m.*]²⁰

Thu 2nd arose at 5. rain pouring about all night; cleared up about 10. a.m. continued cloudy the reflections of the Sun, being red, and the moon the same this eve. Did housework and attended Fast meeting. Sister Bird called this eve Retired about 10.

Fri 3rd arose about 5. W. fine but cooler, did housework and dairy work, attended Primary meeting p.m. did repairing in the eve, Miss Clara Bockholt. Master Charley Griggs and my son George M. Cannon called. retired about 10.

Sat 4th arose about 5. W. fine, spent the day in cleaning, attended to fruit in the eve, retired about 10. received a letter from my Husband [*In top margin, written upside down: 34 years ago to day Sep 5th 1852 I Mary Lois Walker was married to John T. Morris*]

Sun 5th arose about 6. W. lovely, did housework a.m. attended Tabernacle p.m. Elder John Nicholson spoke with great power. He was stoped. and John Q. Cannon came to the Stand and said he had committed a crime next to Murder; and wished to lay down his Priesthood. asked God for mercy, and asked the people to watch his cours and see if their if~~th~~ was not some good in him yet; hoped he would always be intrested in the welfar of Zion. Tears and groans came from the large assembly, a spirit of glloom and sorrow prevailed our hearts equal to death.²¹ Bro Nicholson

20. On the evening of August 31, 1886, an earthquake occurred that was said to have centered in Charleston, South Carolina. Telegraph communication was lost with Charleston after the earthquake, leading to concern over the condition of the city. *New York Times*, September 1, 1886.

21. John Quayle Cannon (1857–1931) was the oldest son of George Q. Cannon, a member of the First Presidency of the LDS church. In 1886, at the time of his confession to adultery, he was serving as second counselor to Presiding Bishop William Preston, a position from which he was then discharged. He had one wife, Elizabeth Ann Wells, when he confessed to adultery, but four days later, he married his wife's younger sister, Louisa Martha Wells, as a plural wife. He was rebaptized on May 6, 1888.

continued his remarks after John Q. was cut off. Said that the Lord had a controvercy with the wicked in Zion and that their habitations should be visited. Attended Ward meeting in the eve, had a very pleasant time, Eldrs W. Wood Willard Burton and S.F. Ball spoke to us in a very refreshing manner, Brother Ball came out of Prison yesterday, where he has been confined for conscience sake.²² Aunt Nette called this eve she goes to the University tomorrow retired about 10.

Mon 6th arose about 5. W. lovely, did housework all day. My Daughters Effie, Addie, their Husband's and children visited us had a pleasant time, Effie remained over night, retired about 11.

Tue 7th arose at 5. W. fine did housework most of the day, Aunt Barbara called with my little Neice, little Jennie Dean Tibbs whos Mamma and Papa left for the Eastern States this a.m. she is a sweet little babe. Retired about 10.

Wed 8th arose before 5. W. lovely cool nights and mornings did housework and a good deal of cleaning attended Primary meeting. Miss Clara Bockholt. and Julia Jones came this eve, we attended to Primary reports. Councilor Jones called retired about 10. sadly fatigued

Thu 9th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework and ironing and tended to Primary reports called on Sister Jesse Jones retired about 10.

Fri 10th arose befor 5. W. lovely. did housework all day, repairing in the eve, retired about 10. did a good deal of writing.

Sat 11th arose about 5. W. lovely, spent most of the day in cleaning. Miss Martha Snow of St George called, also Addie George Nora and darling babe, retired about 10.

Sun 12th arose before 3. sun time wrote a long letter to my Husband, finished it about 7. Atten to the mornings work and before 10 oclock went to Sunday School, being invited by Supt T.C. Griggs and sustained by the Ward last sunday. We were organized into a reserved class, had a very pleasant time. Attended Tabrnacle p.m. Miss Snow called retired about 10.

Mon 13th arose at 5. W. lovely did housework and sewing, and transacted business in town. George and Addie called this eve retired about 10.

Tue 14th arose about 5. W. lovely did housework most of the day; sewed in the eve Nephi and George attended the Theatre this eve. We recived a very hansome kitchen stove to day, had it put in place, bought it yesterday. read for little Kate this eve, retired at 10.30.

Wed 15th arose at 5.20. W. lovely did housework and ironing and attended Primary. My Neice Mrs Ridg called this eve, retired about 01.

Thu 16th arose about 5. W. fine. attended to home affairs, also attended

22. On September 4, 1886, Samuel F. Ball was discharged from the penitentiary. Seven months earlier, on February 15, 1886, Samuel F. Ball had been found guilty of unlawful cohabitation by the Third District Court. *Chronology*, 129, 136.

Relief Society Conference, good reports were given, large attendance and an excelent spirit prevailed. Miss Nora Cannon called with darling babe, her Papa called in the eve, retired about 10.

Fri 17th arose about 5. W. warm did housework and sewing and cleaning retired about 10.

Sat 18th arose about 5. W. quite warm. At 10. oclock attended Primary Conference, an excelent spirit prevailed, reports good, instruction good. returned about 1. oclock, completed my housework took care of a good deal of fruit, retired about 10.

Sun 19th arose about 6. W. hot, did housework, at 10. oclock went to Sunday School had a time of enjoyment at 2. oclock went to the Tabernacle, Delagate John T. Cain addressed us in good style Pp O.F. Whitney followed with great power. Aunt Barbara called. Attended Ward meeting in the eve, my Soninlaw Elder George M. Cannon and Elder Andrew Jensen spoke most excellently, retired about 9.

Mon 20th arose about 4.30. W. warm, did housework and sewing, Miss Clara Bockholt and Winnie Jones called retired about 8.30.

Tue 21st arose about 4.30. W. lovely and hot, did housework sewing washing and cleaning, retired about 10.

Wed 22nd arose about 5. W. hot. Did housework and attended Primary meeting. My Daughter spent p.m. with us. George came in the eve. Yesterday little Kate ran a crochet hook into her hand. Retired about 10.

Thu 23rd arose about 3.30. W. lovely did housework and ironing. Miss Clara Bockholt called, Katie took her first lesson in Music Miss Nora Cannon visited Katie this p.m. Charles Cannon was bitten by a horse. We saw a large Utah Bear this eve, which was raised by Brother Wm Woods the Butcher retired about 10.

Fri 24th arose befor 5. W. cooler, slight howling wind, sun bright and fine. Did housework and ironing. Aunt Nett, Rose and Emma Morgan called to see Katie. on account of her accident; did repairing in the eve, retired about 9.30.

Sat 25th arose soon after 4. Did repairing and writing before daylight. W. fine, spent the day in cleaning Aunt Barbara, and Miss Clara Bockholt called. Mrs Sarah P. Jones died to day Wife of Williams Jones the Plasterer. We retired about 10.

Sun 26th arose about 6. W. fine, attended to home affairs, at 10. oclock went to S. School, had a very pleasant time, at 11.30. was called out; saw my Daughter Addie going down the street; found that she was very sick, hurried home, and made her comfortable She was suffering from cold and numbness, with dreadful headach, which turned to de which lasted several hours, we sent for an Elder by whos administration and the power of God she was restored. Miss Annie and Nora and Uncle David Cannon called, also Bro Morgan Cousin Becca and Effie and Ed. It has been a

great pleasure to me to minister to my Daughter Addie retired about 11.
Mon 27th arose about 4.30. W. fine, did housework all day, Addie's Husband is suffering to day from exposure yesterday while out Preaching we put him through a course of treatment and call in the Elders. Bros, Binder, Amos, Morgan and Bird call, also John Cannon and Sisters Bird and binder, retired about 11. Bros David Edwards and Joseph Evans as teachers.

Tue 28th arose about 5.30. W. fine, did housework washing, cleaning and sewing, Addie went home about noon, to day George better retired about 10.30.

Wed 29th arose about 5. W. lovely did housework and continued work on a quilt. Attended Primary had a pleasant time, retired about 8. o'clock sick with fatigue.

Thu 30th arose about 4.30. W. lovely did housework and finished peicing a quilt. also worked on a carpet, Cousin Dianh called with a letter from her Husband to me it was very pleasant, retired about 11.

October 1886

Fri 1st arose about 5. W. fine worked on a carpet all day attended to many things in the eve, retired about 12.

Sat 2nd arose about 5. W. lovely spent a.m. in cleaning p.m. in cooking. Nephi is 16. years old to day we have prepared for 20 or 30. guests have had a very pleasant time retired about 21

Names of Guests.

Aunt Barbara

Addie and George and babe

Cousins

Aggie Ridges Winni Jones

Clara " Hugh "

Milton "

Bell Morris

Willie "

Mamee "

Brother Earnest Morris

Miss Clara Bockholt

Mary Cannon

Nora Cannon

about 9. others were invited.

Sun 3rd arose about 6. W. fine did housework and attended Sunday School. had a pleasant time spent the eve in reading for the Children retired about 9 Addie spent part of the day with us

Mon 4th arose about 5. W. fine, did housework all day. retired about 10.

Tue 5th arose at 3.30. sun time. Did housework washing, cleaning, and repairing, received a letter from a friend. W. chanceable, thunder lightening and rain at night retired about 10.

Wed 6th arose about 4.30. W. fine, received a very plasant call from Mrs Burgoyne and Miss Jennie this a.m. Did housework and attended Primary. Addie and George called this eve retired about 10.

Thu 7th arose at 4.30. W. fine Did housework and dressmakeing, and attended Fast meeting, Sister Monson called. Had another very pleasant call from Sister Burgoyne retired about 10.

Fri 8th arose about 5.30. W. fine Did housework and dressmakeing. Miss Clara Bockholt called, we attended to Primary reports. Retired about 10.30.

Sat 9th arose about 5.30. W. fine but windy, spent the day in cleaning, did dressmakeing in the eve My Neice Clarabell Ridges and little Rouis called, retired about 11.

Sun 10th arose about 6. sprinkling rain. Attended to home affairs, went to Sunday School, also attended Tabernacle, Elder Wm Fotheringham spoke with great power. Pouring rain this p.m. My little grandsons Eddie and lidy and their Papa called this eve, retired about 10.

Mon 11th arose about 5. W. cloudy and cold. Did housework all day, put up fruit. Wrote a letter to a friend. Receved a pleasant call from Aunt Lizzie Parry Coray, retired about 10.

Tue 12th arose about 5.30 white frost on the ground it is the first this fall of any account Did housework and put up more fruit. My old friend John Urie called this eve Made up Primary accounts retired about 10.

Wed 13th arose about 5. W. bright but rather cold, Did housework and attended Primary; also visited the Silk Factory, transacted business in towen. Our old friend Samuel Leigh called this a.m. Aunt Barbara this eve retired about 11. [*In left margin:* to day Addie and George came to day to board here]

Thurs 15th arose before 5. W. fine Did housework washing and cleaning W. and Nellie called to see Addie. Retired about 11.

Fri 15th arose before 5. W. fine, spent most of the day in puting up fruit, did repairing in the eve, retired about 11. Nephi worked till midnight. *re*

Sat 16th arose befor 5. W. warm. Spent most of day in cleaning, about 5. p.m. little Addie was taken very ill of Cholar ifantum.²³ her father

23. Cholera infantum is an often fatal form of gastroenteritis occurring in children. Although it is not true cholera, it has similar symptoms. Dr. Maggie Shipp, a Salt Lake doctor, wrote that "cholera infantum or summer complaint, as it is commonly called, is to be particularly dreaded." Shipp described it as a wasting disease with symptoms of diarrhea, muscular debility, nausea, vomiting, and coldness and dampness on the

administered to her, we aplied simble remedies watched most of the night. I retired after midnight Dr. Snow called to see George M.

Sun 17th arose about 6. W. warm. Baby better did housework most of the day My Neice's Mrs Aggie Ridges, and Mrs Eva Woods of Malad called. Attended Ward meeting had a good time. Aunt Nett and Ros and Mr Parry called. retired about 10.

Mon 18th arose at 5. a.m. cloudy p.m. wet. Did housework all day, baby still better, thank God! for His mercies. Retired about 10. **Retired**

Tue 19th arose at 4.30 sun time. rain falling all night, some snow on the ground W. wet and cold, did housework cleaning and washing. retired about 10.

Wed 20th arose at 5. W. fine did housework most of the day. Took the Primary Assocation to the Deseret Museus,²⁴ talked to an outside Lady had a pleasant time Nephi attended his Quorum meeting retired about 10.

Thu 21st arose about 6. W. Drizzly, did cleaning and pickling, Father Thomas Parry was buried to day. Called on Sister Jessee Jones wos baby is sick found it dead retired about 11.

Fri 22nd arose about 6. W. wet Miss Mamie Miller called. Did cleaning pickleing and repairing retired about 10.

Sat 23rd arose about 5. W. fine. Miss miller called this a.m. Spent most of the day in cleaning, some repairing, retired about 10.30.

Sun 24th arose about 6. W. fine, attended Sunday School at 10. from there went to the funeral of baby of our friend and neighbour Bro and Sister Wm R. Jones. Took care of Little Addie p.m. Went to Ward meeting in the eve, we were addressed by our old friend Eward L. Parry of Manti, Master Mason of the Temple. Also Councilor N.V. Jones and Bp Pollard. retired about 9.

Mon 25th arose at 5. W. fine, did housework cleaning and washing and Millinery work, retired about 10.

Tue 26th arose at 5. W. fine Did housework and Millinary work Aunty Barbara called, retired about 10.

Wed 27th arose about 5. W. fine did housework and took the Primary Assocation to the Museum. Transacted business in town. My Husband arrived from Montana this eve, it seems hard to pass him as a stranger!

surface of the body. She recommended treating it by putting "a mustard plaster or spice poultice" on the child's stomach and giving the child subnitrate of bismuth and laudanum or quinine. Shipp, Shipp, and Shipp, "Cholera Infantum," 94-96.

24. The Deseret Museum, whose collections are currently housed in the Museum of Church History and Art in Salt Lake City, was established near Temple Square in 1869 by John W. Young, a son of Brigham Young. Originally housed in a one-story adobe building, the museum moved to a new location in 1871, and in 1878 ownership of the museum was transferred to the LDS church. The museum's exhibits "focused on home manufactures, minerals, fossils, prehistory, and items of Mormon Church history." "Deseret Museum," in Allan Kent Powell, ed., *Utah History Encyclopedia*, 386-87; EM, 972.

retired about 10.

Thu 28th arose about 5. W. warm. Did housework and attended a meeting of Primary Officers at Sister Ellen Clawsons. transacted a good deal of business in town, returned about 10. 8. Nephi and George attended the Theatre this eve retired about 11.

Fri 29th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework and cleaning retired about 10.

Sat 30th arose about 5. W. fine spent most of the day in cleaning, repairing in the eve retired about 10.

Sun 31st arose about 6. W. fine. Did housework and attended Sunday School a.m. Tabernacle p.m. Wad. L. Ward, a Jewish Rabbi addressed us,²⁵ also Bp O.F. Whitney, Attended Ward meeting in the eve, retired about 10.30.

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November 1886

Mon 1st arose about 5. W. damp and cloudy did housework and a good deal of Washing Retired about 11.

Tue 2nd arose about 5.30. W. fine, did housework and prepared supper for nineteen prsons. My Neice, Mrs Eva Woods, of Malad and children Mrs Aggie Ridges and children my Daughter Effie, Husband and children Addie, And Husband and our own family had a pleasant time, retired about 11.

Wed 3rd arose about 6.6 5.30 W. fine did housework and attended Primary retired about 11.

Thu 4th arose about 5. W. fine did housework and attended Fast meeting a.m. p.m. accompanied by Sister Shoneull visited a number of German people, new comers, felt blessed in doing my duty retired about 11.

Fri 5th arose before 6. W. fine. did housework cleaning repairing and wrting, retired about 10.

Fri Sat 6th arose about 4.30 W. lovely. Spent most of the day in cleaning, did some repairing, retired about 10. ~~arose about 6.30.~~

Sun 7th arose about 6.30. W. cloudy, and rather damp. did housework and attended Sunday School a.m. Tended Addies baby p.m. went to Ward meeting in the eve, we were addressed most beautyfully by Elder Suamuel W. Richards. a friend called to see George on law business. retired about 11.

Mon 8th arose before 5. Shower about 6. a.m. day lovely. Did housework

25. Wad El Ward (also known as Professor James Rosedale), of Jerusalem, passed through Utah during his travels and "by his own request, addressed the congregation." Ward had converted to Christianity fourteen years previously and spoke about ancient Israel and his beliefs. *Deseret Evening News*, November 1, 1886.

all day. Attended a grand Concert in the eve for the benefit of our friend and neighbour Henry E. Giles retred about 11. Met Sister M.I. Horne and E. Howard at the Concert.

Tue 9th arose about 5. Thunder lightening and rain a.m. snow at night. did housework all day. Bp H. Lunt and Wife Ellen called this eve, on their way from Europe. Addie and George attended the Theatre this eve, we tended darling Babe retired about 11.

Wed 10th arose soon after 5. nearly a foot of snow on the ground, cleared up p.m. Did housework and tended Primary Bros David Edwards and F.W. Morgan called as teachers retired about 11.

Thu 11th arose soon after 5. W. cold and clear did housework and coloring. At supper table was taken with a sever atack of [blank] Addie put me through a cours of treatment which releived me; retired about 10.

Fri 12th arose about 6.30. Mrs Mary Baker called. W. fine and cold snow still on the grond. Spent most of the day in cleaning. A.M.C. [Angus Munn Cannon] called this eve retired about 11

Sat 13th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework all day retired about 10.

Sun 14th arose about 6.30 W. cloudy attended S. School a.m. at 12.30 attended the funeral of Brother Wood. attended to home affairs p.m. Went to Ward in the eve retred about 11.

Mon 15th arose about 5. snowing and blowing most of the day, did day, Did housework all day retired about 9. My Soninlaw Mr E t Ashton and little Grandsons called.

Tue 16th arose befor 5. W. fine and cold, Addie attended the funeral of Sister Jenkins Did housework and ironing Nephi and John, started at the Salt Lake Acacemy yesterday. retired about 930

Wed 17th arose at 4. W. fine Did housework and ironing and attended Primary meeting had a pleasant time, A.M.C. called to see George. Retired at about 11.

Thu 18 arose about 5.30. W. cold and snow falling Did housework, also visited a family of new comers, a widow with s four children by the name of street. Spent a few hours with my daughter Effie, feel thankfull that she is better and able to be about. Retired about 10

Fri 19th arose about 5. more snow on the ground. a.m. fine p.m. cloudy did housework most of the day. had a sever atack of N[euralgia] Mrs Mina Cannon and little ones payed us, a very pleasant visit, Uncle Ed Parry called this eve, retired about 11.

Sat 20th arose soon after 5. W. cloudy wndy and thawing Uncle Ed Parry left for home to day. Miss Nora Cannon spent a good part of the day with us. Did housework all day, repairing in the eve retired about 11.

Sun 21st arose about 6.30. Snow falling all day, recived two very plasant calls from Miss Burgoyne. Am sick with cold to day spent most of p.m. in bed, retired about 9.

Mon 22nd arose about 6.30. deep snow on the ground W. cold and cloudy Bros Binder and griggs called this a.m. Did housework all day retired about 11.

Tue 28 23rd arose about 6. W. cold and cloudy did housework and took care of meat. Retired about 11.

Wed 24th arose about 5. W. fine spent most of the day in cleaning. Prest A.M. Cannon was arrested this eve by four Marshals. a distinguished guest abode with us to night,²⁶ retired about 10.

Thur 25th arose about 6. W. fine and bright did housework most of the day Opened Primary party and returned home spent the eve at home retired about 11.

Fri 26th arose soon after 5. did housework most of the day W. fine two Gentlemen called to see our distinguished guest, retired about 11.

Sat 27th about 6. W. fine. Did housework all day some repairing in the eve, retired after 12.

Sun 28th arose about 6.30. W. fine, spent the day at home attending to home affairs, went to Ward meeting in the eve Elders Elias Morris and David L. Davis spoke. Prest A.M. Cannon spoke in the Tabernacle to day for the first time since a year ago last May. retired about 9.

Mon 29th arose about 5. W. fine Did housework, helped with washing, did cleaning and some sewing, retired about 10.30.

Tue 30th arose about 6. W. fine did housework all day Sister Foster called as teacher. Retired about 11.

December 1886

Wed 1st arose about 6. W. fine Did housework and attended Primary, instructed the Children in the principles of the Gospel. Transacted business in town. Retired about 10.

~~Wed~~ *Thu 2nd* arose about 6. W. fine did housework, attended fast meeting, Called on Sister Brian as a new comer. Spent a few hours at Effie's house she being absent, did repairing while there, came home about 5, attended to home affairs. Aunt Barbara called, my Husband's other Wife is quite ill. retired about 10

Fri 3rd arose about 6. W. cloudy did housework most of the day Miss F.

26. Mary Lois later revealed that this guest was Angus Munn Cannon, the president of the Salt Lake Stake and the father of her son-in-law George M. Cannon. Earlier that day, Angus M. Cannon was arrested on a charge of unlawful cohabitation, taken before Commissioner McKay, and put under a fifteen-hundred-dollar bond. On December 13, 1886, Angus M. Cannon was arrested again on two more charges of unlawful cohabitation and one charge of polygamy. *Chronology*, 140–41.

Fenton called. Attended 14th Ward Primary; transacted business in Town, did repairing in the eve retired about 11.

Sat 4th arose about 6. W. fine did housework most of the day, Our distinguest Guest Prest A.M. Cannon left us this a.m. made a pair of garments this eve for a friend. Have suffered dreadfully with to day retired about 11.

Sun 5th arose about 6 W. fine, did housework and attended S. School, was called from the Teachers Class to take charge of a class of young Laides talked with them on Church History, had an enjoyable time. Called on the family of Sister Sucen [Susannah Mott] Barlow who died yesterday. went to the Tabernacle p.m. A.H. Cannon spoke great power. Was accompanied home by Prest A.M. Cannon. he and Uncle Joseph Parry and Miss Nora Cannon ate supper with us, have suffered dreadfully with to day. Prest A.M. Cannon spoke beautyfully in our Ward this eve we enjoyed it much retired about 11

Mon 6th arose about 6 W. fine did housework most of the day, ~~some~~ some washing a good deal of cleaning, Miss Nora Cannon called have had dreadful pain to day retired before 11.

Tue 7th arose about 6 a.m. fine. Sister Barlow is buried to day. Sister Waarterfall called. Am on the sick list to with nurialgia Did housework writeing sewing and repairing was relieved of my pain about 5. p.m. weather cloudy p.m. retired about 10.

Wed 8th arose about 5. after a disturbed night face swollen feel easiyer, Mr John Cannon called this a.m. W. fine ~~like spring a.m. cloudy p.m. rain this eve~~ did housework a.m. sewing on a quilt p.m. ~~read for the children in the eve~~ retired about 10.

Thu 9th arose about 6. W. mild and fine a.m. cloudy p.m. rain this eve, did housework a.m. sewing on some shams p.m. read for the children this eve Miss Nora Cannon and little Coa called this p.m. retired about 10.

Fri 10th arose about 3. oclock after a restless night feel better to day but weak did housework, and cleaning, crochet work and put some tides together retired about 10.

Sat 11th arose about 6. W. fine feel weak, did cleaning and other housework repairing Bro Edwards called retired about 10

Sun 12th arose about 7. W. fine attended to home affairs all day feeling too weak to walk to school or meeting read for the children in the eve retired about 10.

Mon 13th arose about 6 W. lovely did housework and helped with washing. p.m. began housecleaning. Though weak I feel thankful that I am not racked with pain as I was last week ~~and am~~ retired about 10.30

Tue 14th arose about 6. W. lovely though sharp nights and mornings cleaned the dineing room to day the boys attending to the carpet it being beyond my strength now. Feel much exausted but thankful that I have done what I have. retired about 10.30.

Wed 15th arose about 6. W. mild cleaned the paint of the Kitchen and butery. Miss Mary Fenton called. Transacted business up town in the eve retired about 10.

Thu 16th arose soon after 5. W. mild and drizzley did good deal of washing a.m. Transacted business up town p.m. also worked on a rugg and did a good deal of housework. My Daughter Effie and little Boys called p.m. retired about 10.30

Fri 17th arose about 6. W. Mild and cloudy a.m. fine p.m. did housework cleaning and attended Primary meeting the spirit of God was with us spoke to the children on several principles of the Gospel felt blessed. Mrs Mollie J. Cluff arrived here from Provo on the evening Train retired about 11.

Sat 18th arose about 7. W. damp and cloudy did housework all day. Bro Bennie [Benjamin] Cluff arrived here from the north on the morning Train. My Husband started this p.m. for San Francisco. Day before yesterday the Mammoth Mine Trial closed; my Husband looseing the case for the third time, on account trickery.²⁷ retired after Midnight.

Sun 19th arose about 7. W. fine, attended S School felt very happy. spent the rest of the day at home feeling too fatigued to attend meeting cared for Addie's babe retired about 10.

Mon 20th arose about 6. W. mild did housework all day. Bro Cluff went East and his Wife south on the early Train this a.m. retired about 10.

Tue 21 arose about 6. W. fine and mild Did housework, made fruit cake and micemeat, retired about midnight sadly tired

Wed 22nd arose about 7. W. mild and muddy, did housework and cleaning Transacted business in town. Bro Joseph Parry called this p.m. to tell us that he was going home and to give himself up, rather than to let his Wife go to Prison I feel to say God bless him. Wrote up my accounts before retireing about 11.

Thu 23 ~~adose~~ arose about 6. W. very mild. Did housework and cleaning, mad a pair of drawers in the eve, retired about midnight

Fri 24 arose about 6.30. W. mild and cloudy snow this eve, spent the day in cleaning; the eve in iceing the X.Mass Cake and Mrs Cannon's birthday cake and finishing some sewing, retired about 1. 'oclock

Sat 25th arose about 6. W. mild did housework all day, Effie Ed and the children dined with us we have had a very happy time this day. My heart weels with gratitude to my Heavenly Father for his great mercies to us and as a Ward we have taken means to provide for the poor amongst us. Retired about 11.

27. The hung jury on December 15, 1886, was the third jury that did not reach a verdict in the Mammoth Mining case. An account of the trial is in the *Deseret Evening News*, December 15, 1886.

Sun 26th arose about 7. W. mild and cloudy did housework and went to Sunday School had a pleasant time. An Indian addressed us, his ~~two~~ two squaws sat in class with us. Went to the Tabernacle p.m. Bro Aarthur Staner spoke very solomenly to us. We walked a good many blocks with Sisters Jones and Hatchens had a talk with Sister Jones in answer to prayer. Attended Ward meeting Elders quist and Knox spoke. retired about 9.30
Mon 27th arose about 6. W. fine like spring. Did housework and a good bit of cleaning retired about 9.

Tue 28th arose before 4. read last saturday's paper befor daylight. W. fine like spring did housework most of the day, Miss Nora Cannon spent p.m. yesterday with us. I am atacted with neuralga this eve, am hindered from reading or writeing by it dread the night very much retired about 10.

Wed 29th arose about 7. have had a painful night feel sick on acct of it. W. mild and cloudy, rain this eve have done housework a good part of the day Aunt Lavinia called this p.m. it is refreshing to talk to a good latter-daysaint. Wrote up my Journal in the eve. Retired before 10.

Thu 30th arose soon after 6. rain falling steadily. W. wet and mild spent most of the day in fitting up the bed rooms. reconed accounts in the eve ~~retired~~ and did repairing retired before 12.

Sat Fri 31st arose soon after 6. Miss Perlensen called with an invitation for Nephi to attend a surprise party gotten up for her brother Wollie W. fine, spent the day in cleaning did some ironing in the eve. Retired about 11.²⁸

28. The following, written on a scrap of paper in Mary Lois's hand, is inserted into the document here:

Dec.31

M.L. Morris

Oatmeal 25

Rice 25

Sugar 20

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1887

“Went to Court to Testify in Favor of My Husband”

January 1887

Sat 1st arose about 6.30 W. lovely like spring did homework most of the day. Received an early call from Elias Morris and Peter Tibbs. My Nephew Wm C. Morris p.m. spent the eve in reading Nephi attends a party this eve. Our old friend and neighbour Dirk Bockholt died to day suddenly about 11. a.m. I feel thankful that I have been able to keep the faith during the past year; may God help me to keep it in the future retired after 1. o'clock

Sun 2nd arose about 7. W. mild like spring attended Sunday School a.m. and did housework attended to home affairs p.m. also called on my Nephew p.m. We were addressed at the Ward meeting this eve to Apostle John H. S Smith this eve, it was an intellectual and religious feast retired about 10.

Mon 3rd arose about 6 W. mild did a good deal of housework and went to our friends funeral. Sister Luke called I called on her in the eve as a new comers. At 10.20 o'clock we heard screaming in the Street; we opened the door, and beheld the reflexion of a great blaze ~~which~~ from the burning Boca bottling House only a few rods from our door It was a close call,¹ retired about 1. 'o'clock.

Tue 4th arose about 7. a.m. fine p.m. cloudy downfall in the eve Did housework and ironing retired about 10.

Wed 5th arose soon after 6. W. damp did housework and ironing. My Husband returned from Sanfrancisco this a.m. in good health We called on Sister C. Bockholt this eve whos husband was buried last monday Bros David Eward and Fred Morgan called this eve as teachers this eve had a good spirit eve enjoyed their company. Retired about 11.

Thu 6th arose about 6.30 did housework attended Fast meeting and called on Sister L. Bockholt W. drizzly, did writeing in the eve retired about 10.

1. At 10:30 p.m. on January 3, 1887, the bottling works of the Boca Brewing Company at 234 S. Third West Street were found to be on fire. As the building was built completely of wood, "it was utterly out of the question to hope to save any portion of it." Mary Lois's house, located at 236 S. Third West Street, was either next door or across the street from the factory. *Deseret Evening News*, January 4, 1887.

Fri 7th arose about 5. W. cloudy and rather cold. Spent most of a.m. in cleaning bed rooms. p.m. did repairing and attended Primary meeting, had a pleasant time and felt blessed; thank God for his spirit Did repairing in the eve, retired before 11.

Sat 8th arose soon after 6. W. cloudy and frosty spent the day in cleaning did repairing in the eve. Addie and George went to the Theatre this eve retired about midnight.

Sun 9th arose 7. W. cold and frosty. Attended to home affairs a.m. and went to S. School had a profitable time, recited the first three verses of the 21. Chap of Revelations Supt T.C. Griggs gave us a very able History of the Bible said that many had risked their lives for daring to read it. Went to Ward meeting in the eve. Elder Francis Hughes spoke to us by the power of God retired about 9.30. About 11. 'oclock was alled down to stay with Addie as her Husband was called to the bed of his sick Mother.

Mon 10th arose about 7. ground covered with snow, continued a.m. p.m. cloudy, night clear moon light. Did housework all day, went up town about 5. Transacted business called at the Juvenile Office took a little present to my daughter Effie who is twenty eight years of to day. Feel thankful that she is pretty well and prosperious thank God for his blessing towards her and for her integrity. Retired about 10.

Tue 11th arose about 7. My little granddaughter Addie is one year old to day. W. cloudy and cold Did housework and ironing Miss Annie, Nora and Mary Cannon called to bring birthday presents to little Addie. She recived eleven includeing nearly \$7.00 in cash. Retired about 10.

Wed 12th arose about 7. still feeling tired. Did housework all day, repairing in the eve. W. cloudy, wndy, fine, rain and hail. Mr John Cannon called this a.m. Retired about 11.

Thu 13th arose about 7. rain over head. snow under foot. Did housework a.m. spent p.m. with my Nephew and Neice Mr and Mrs Richard P. Morris and Sister Phebe Isaass. Called on Sister Ure Retired about 9.30.

Fri 14th arose about 5.30 W. fine like spring, sloppy under foot. spent most of a.m. in cleaning. Miss Milto called. Attended Primary meeting p.m. had large attendance and intresting time. Attended to home affairs this eve. Edward Ashton called glad to see him. Nephi attends a party held at Concilers's Jones' this eve; Addie and attend one in the 14th Ward ths eve retired about 1. oclock

Sat 15th arose about 8. W. cloudy, high wind at night ending in snow. Spent most of the day in cleaning. did repairing in the eve retired about 10.30

Sun 16th arose about 6.30. W. fine and rather cold. Did housework and attended Sunday School a.m. Addie ~~and~~ went to Tabernacle p.m. I took care of little Addie and home affairs. Went to Ward meeting Eders Elias Morris Wm Binder John clark and Bp Pollard spoke alled on Effie but did not see her. Retired about 10.30.

Mon 17th arose about 5.30 W. fine and frosty Mr Cannon went to Bingham on the early Train. Did housework, cleaning and helped with washing Miss Allie Merrell and Aunt Caelled, did repairing in the eve, retired about 10.

Tue 18th arose about 7.30 baby sick all night W. mild and cloudy. Did housework and ironing Mr Cannon returned on the evening Train retired about 10.30.

Wed 19th arose about 7. high wind last night and all day to day, rain this eve, wind gone. Did housework and coloring. was called in to help quied father Hull. Miss Nora Cannon called yesterday. Retired about 10.30.

Thu 20th arose about 6.30 W. cloudy and mild did cleaning a.m. spent p.m. in pressing dress goods. Miss Nora Cannon called spent a few hours with little Addie Did repairing in the eve; retired about 11.

Fri 21st arose about 6.30. high wind last night, snow falling thick this a.m. fine p.m. Spent a.m. in cleaning bedrooms Attended Primary p.m. had an intresting time. Little Addie sick of ~~hoop~~ Whooping cough. Sister Cannon came to see baby this p.m. Attended to home affairs this eve retired about 10.

Sat 22nd arose about 7. W. fine spent most of the day in cleaning. Went to the 14th Ward meeting a good spirit prevailed. Came home about 4.30. attended to home affairs did some repairing in the eve Also prepared my lesson for to morrow. which is comments on the on or questions and answers on the first book of Nephi 18th Chap. retired before 1. oclock

Sun 23rd arose about 7. W. fine. Did housework and attended Sunday School. Felt well repaid for the time and study spent on my lesson; the Class being in my charge this morning; received the enconeums of my superintendent and members of the Class. thank God for his inspiration in answer to humble prayer. From Sunday School wnt down to Effie's who had presented her husband with a fine son [Raymond Joy Ashton] at 11.55. this a.m. pent p.m. with them. there is a very proud and happy house to day, thank our Heavnly Father that they are doing well. Attended Ward meeting in the eve. the speakers were James H. Moyle and T.W. Harris. We had a spiritual and intellectual feast. Retired about 11.

Mon 24th arose about 6. W. wintery snow p.m. howling wind to night. Began to do the Kitchen work alone to day. Have got along very well, worked till nearly 10 this eve, wrote up Jornal and retired about 11.30 sun time.

Tue 25th arose about 6. W. fine and frosty. Did housework all day; retired about 11.

Wed 26th aros 6.30. W. fine and cold, did the days work and a good deal of cleaning and cooking—retired about 10.30.

Thu 27th arose about 6.30. W. cold windy and snowing. Did housework ironing and repairing Miss Nora Cannon visited ths p.m. In a little more

two weeks I have committed the first chapter of Revelations to memory; and this eve began to commit the second. Retired before 10.

Fri 28th arose at 5.30. W. cloudy but milder. Did housework and attended Primary meeting had an interesting time. called on Sisters Mc E. Jones and Kate Brown came home soon after 5. attended to home affairs. Nephi and John. attend a party this eve, closing the first Form of the Salt Lake Stake Academy. retired about 11.

Sat 29th about [blank] snow a.m. and p.m. raining in the eve. Did housework cooking and cleaning, retired about 12

Sun 30th arose about 5.30. rain still falling. cleared up about 10. a.m. George and his fatherinlaw took the early Train for Sandy; as home Missionaries. Attended to home affairs a.m. also attended the funeral of Elder N.H. Felt held in the 17th Ward Hall Elders O.F. Whitney and Robert Camball spoke well. came home about 1. sadly fatigued spent p.m. at home trying to rest. We first met Elder Felt on the 3rd of May 1850. it being the second day after we landed in St Louis Mo. from England, Eroupe and he was preaching his farewell sermon to the Saints of the St Louis Conference over whom he had presided for three years to the great satisfaction of the Heads of the Church. Called on Effie in the eve, found her and babe and family doing well; feel thankful for that retired about 10.

Mon ~~Mon~~ 30th arose about 5.30. W. fine. Did housework all day repairing in the eve retired soon after 10.

February 1887

Tue 1st arose soon after 6. High wind all day; snow falling this eve. Did housework a.m. dressmaking p.m. retired about 10.

Wed 2nd arose about 6. W. cloudy snow this eve Did cleaning and took care of meat a.m. dressmaking p.m. retired about 10.30.

Thu 3rd arose about 6. W. fine. Did housework and attended Fast Meeting a.m. Called on Effie p.m. spent an hour at Society meeting Transacted business up town called at the Juvenile Office. attended to home affairs. retired about 10.30

Fri 4th ~~did~~ arose about 6.30. W. mild and cloudy did housework and attended Primary meeting wrote to my Sister and Neice retired about 10.

Sat 5th arose about 7. W. mild like spring, spent most of the day in cleaning Nephi ~~atte~~ spends the eve at Councilor Jone's retired about 11.30.

Sun 6th arose about 7. W. mild and cloudy, high wind p.m. Attended S. School a.m. Tabernacle p.m. Elders George M. Cannon and O.F. Whitney spoke very well. Miss Shemeld called. Addie accompanied her husband as home Missionary this eve; we took care of dear baby, retired about 10.

Mon 7th arose about 6. W. cloudy and cold, did housework all day, Attended S. School Uion, had a pleasant time was accompanied home by Sister Bird retired about 10.

Tue 8th arose about 6.30. W. cloudy and windy. Recived a note from my Brother informing me of the death of his son Lowell [Walker], who died on the 3rd inst beng the third and only child of his Wife Sarah.² Did housework all day retired before 10.

Wed 9th arose about 4.30: high wind all night, and all day to day. Did housework ironing and repairing, repairing retired about 11.30.

Thu 10th arose about 6.30 high wind all night snow began to fall about 7. this a.m. cleared about 11. We had the pleasure of a visit from Mrs. Mina and Mrs. Sarah J. Cannon. this p.m. also recived a letter from my Neice Mrs Lona Eldridge and Photograph of herself and family. Accompanied by little Kate went to see some Views in the Music Hall this eve retired about 12.

Fri 11th arose befor 7. W. fine and frosty. Spent p.m. in cleaning. p.m. went to Primary meeting got along very well. Spoke from the book of Mormon. Called on my Daughter Effie, read to her Lona's and her Uuncle's letters she was much affected. retired about 10.

Sat 12th arose about 6. W. fine Did cleaning a.m. p.m. went to a birthday meeting and party held in the Society Hall in honor of Sister Elizebeth Duncanson had a very pleasant time. Returned home about dark. Attended to home home affairs, retired about 11.

Sun 13th arose about 4. W. cloudy attended to home affairs. wrote a letter to Mrs Sarah Walker before daylight at 10 oclock we went to S. School. taught Sister Jones' Class. Wrote to my brother this p.m. went to Ward meeting in the eve, had a very intresting time retired about 10. Last fri-day Marshal Dyer and his aids, raided all the leading Church buildings in town but found no one they wanted.

Mon 14th arose about 5.30 W. cloudy and rather cold. Did washing and cleaning attended an entertainment in the 18th Ward Independence Hall. Recived a from a friend. Retired about 12.

Tue 15th arose about 7. W. fine like spring. Did housework all day. Aunt Nett called retired about 10.30.

Wed 16th arose soon after 4. W. mld and cloudy, did housework and ironing, retired about 10.30

Thu 17th arose about 6.30. snow on the ground. p.m. fine like spring. Did housework a.m. p.m. visited Mrs Sarah J. Cannon. accompanied by my Daughters Addie and Kate and little Addie. Mrs Mina Cannon Mrs S.F. Richards and Mrs Rosa [Rosina Matthews Cannon] Lambert visited with

2. Lowell Walker, the son of Mary Lois Morris's brother Charles Lowell Walker and his second wife, Sarah Smith, was born on January 24, 1886, and died on February 2, 1887. He was the second son and third child of Charles and Sarah. Although their first child, Mary (1878–1879), had died, their second child Moroni (1884–1947) was still living.

us. came home after dark. retired about 9.30. [*In top margin, written upside down: Aunt Nett went home ths p.m.*]

Fri 18th arose before 6 more snow on the ground. W. cold. Did housework mst of the day. Went to Primary meeting had a very intresting time Mrs Scott of Deseret Primary visited us spoke well. Transacted business up town did tailoring in the eve retired about 10.30 [*Written on a separate piece of paper inserted in the record: Friday feb. 18th 1887. the following places were raided Gardo House Presidents Office Tithing Office, Temple Block Assembly Hall, Historian's Offic, and Endowment House*]

Sat 19th arose soon after 5. W. cold snowde some. spent most of the day in cleaning. did repairing in the eve retired about 11.30.

Sun 20th arose about 6. W. cold, snowed some. Winne Jones W home this a.m. came to visit Katie on friday. Attended to home affairs Went to S. School a.m. Tabernacle p.m. Elders Walter Bates F.S. Richards and John Nicholson adressed us. After meeting Bro Morgan and his son Fred came to adminster to little Kate for the benfit of her eyes we all fasted for her. It is Georgie's 13 Birthday and we celebrated it. We enjoyed our birthday supper being our first meal scince saturday night. Miss Nora Cannon supped with us. Addie and her Husband wnt to Ward meeting; we guardid baby retired about 9.30.

Mon 21st arose about 5.30. Snow on the ground piercing wind. Did housework and helped with washing. Our friends Mrs Mary [Wride] John and her Daughter Mrs Bonni Cluff called, the latter on her way to the States to Join her Husband. Miss Clara Bockholt called retired about 10 [*Written on a separate piece of paper inserted in the record: Salt Lake City, Feb 21st 1887.*]

Squareley Met

Nine bretheren who who decline to violate their cooncences.

Wm H. Foster	S. L. City
Bedson Eardly	S.L. City
Wm H. Watson	Farmington
Ezra T. Clark	Farmington
Peter Barkdale	Farmington
Herman Crother	S.L. City
John Adams	Centerville
Joseph Hogan	Bountiful
Joseph Blunt	E S.L. City

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All these Bretheren were placed in the Penitenitary this afternoon for Concience sake.]

Tue 22nd arose a. more snow on the ground, snow a.m. fine p.m. but cold. David Edwards called Father Lewis was burid this p.m. Did housework

a.m. spent p.m. in reading it being a holy day. retired about 10. [*In right margin:* began to commit the 3rd Chap of Revelations]

Wed 23rd arose soon after 6. W. cold and clear did housework and repairing, retired about 10.30

Thu 24th arose about 6.30. W. cold and fine Did housework and ironing. Attendent a private meeting at Sister Binders p.m. Three more brethren sent to the Penitentiary yesterday.³ Yesterday also a terrible Earthquake occurred in France thousands of lives lost.⁴ retired about 10.

Fri 25th arose soon before 5. snow on the ground cold wind but fine. Spent most of the day in cleaning. Went to Primary meeting, had an interesting time, was favored by a portion of the spirit of God. Transacted business up town. returned before dark. Retired about 11. Nephi attends the Theatre to night to Witness to witness Zitka.⁵

Sat 26th arose soon after 6. W. clear and cold. Did housework and repairing. My Daughter Addie Cannon is twenty six years old we to day she has received some handsome presents. May God bless his footsteps may she live a long and useful life retired about 10.30.

Sun 27th arose about 6.30. W. fine like spring. Attended to home affairs a.m. at 10 o'clock went to S. School Bros David Lgan and Evan Stevens visited us as Missionaries. Went to the Tabernacle p.m. Elders H.J. Grant and O.F. Whitney spoke with great power. Prest A.M. Cannon called for the purpose of eating supper but had to hasten to fill an appointment before doing so. Attended Ward meeting. Our old Neighbour Bro J.M. [James Madison] Barlow confessed his failing and asked to be forgiven. Elder Holden spoke very well for a few moments. Elder Elias Morris occupied the rest of the time; said he had returned from Manti last thursday had attended Conference in Company with Apostle Lorenzo Snow who has lately come out of Prison.⁶ visited the Temple with him Bro Snow. Said that Bro Snow talked with them in the west Tower of the Temple.

3. On February 23, 1887, William J. Hooper, Matthew Pickett, and Levi North were sentenced to six months of imprisonment, fined three hundred dollars for unlawful cohabitation, and sent to the penitentiary. *Chronology*, 144.

4. An earthquake occurred in southern Europe on the morning of February 24, 1887. Although the shocks were reportedly worse in Italy, a number of cities in southern France were hit by the earthquake. Hundreds of people were reported to have died in the disaster. *New York Times*, February 24, 1887.

5. *Zitka* was a play performed in the Salt Lake Theatre by a group from H. C. Miner's People's Theatre of New York.

6. On February 8, 1887, LDS apostle Lorenzo Snow was released from the penitentiary as a result of a decision of the United States Supreme Court. On December 12, 1885, Snow had been charged with three different acts of cohabitation, all with the same women but in different years. After a number of appeals, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that the act of polygamy could not be segregated into multiple periods of time and punished as separate offenses. Firmage and Mangrum, *Zion in the Courts*, 178–83.

Elder Morris spoke many precious things, and was filled with the power of God and the gift of prophecy, had a very enjoyable time. Retired about 10.30

Mon 28th arose about 6. W. fine like spring. Did housework and cleaning, and assisted in washing Mrs Mary Horne and our Sister Nancy Morris called. Received a long and very interesting letter from my brother this eve. retired about 10.30.

March 1887

Tue 1st arose about 6. W. lovely warm like spring. Did housework a.m. p.m. attended the funeral of Sister Sophia W. Taylor Wife of Prest John Taylor who died last Sunday. Prest A.M. Cannon spoke with great power. the house was crowded Transacted business in town; came home about 5. attended to home affairs Aunt Nett and Rose and Miss Merrel and Nora Cannon called and supped with us. Retired about 10.30.

Wed 2nd arose about 6. W. fine. did housework all day. Addie began to board to day Wrote a note to my Sister, retired about 10.30

Thu 3rd arose about 6. W. mild and cloudy, sprinkling of rain p.m. Did housework most of the day, went to fast meeting for a While, my Grandson Edward Morris Ashton was confirmed a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter day Saints to day, was baptized on the 2nd inst My youngest Grandson Raymond Joy. Ashton was blessed to day, both under the hands of their Grandfather Morris. Effie and family dined with us to day and spent the rest of the day with us. Aunt Nett and Rose went to housekeeping to day Retired about 10.30.

Fri 4th arose about 6. W. mild and drizzly did housework and attended Primary meeting had an interesting time. Called on Sister Buryon on special business. Worked till about 12.

Sat 5th arose about 6. W. Mild and cloudy, did housework all day Rosa Thompson helping us, retired about 12.

Sun 6th arose about 6. recived a letter from my Sister yester day. W. mild and dull sprinkling of rain. Attende to home affairs. Went to S. School had a very interesting time, reviewing our lessons for the past six months. Aunt Nette accompanied me. We attended to Primary reports p.m. as my little secretaris doing their part Clara Bockholt Rena baker and Mamie [Mary] Chamberlin. Pent the eve at home attending to home affairs also wrote a note to my Sister. Retired about 9.30.

Mon 7th arose before 6. W. mild and cloudy showr p.m. did housework most of the day. Attended the funeral of Sister Rebecca Baker the speakers were Elders Hall, and G.G. Bywater Bp. Pollard and Tingy returned home about 4.30. My Soninlaw E t Ashton called retired about 11.30.

Tue 8th arose about 6. W. fine, Did housework all day Reve H.W. Beecher died to day. Six more of our Bretheren gone to the Pen to day for con-cience sake

jø David John of Provo

R.C. Kirkwood.

Wm Webb Edward Pecy. Chritin P.

Christianson, Soren P C. Polasen

Mr Ashton called Retired about 10.

Wed 9th arose about 5. W. lovely. Did housework all day retired about 10.30.

Thu 10th arose at 4. W. fine Did housework all day, Retired about 11.

Fri 11th arose about 5. W. warm, little need of fire. Did housework and repairing and ironing and attended the funeral fo of Joseph Andrew Trulson. Went to Primary for a little While retired about 10.

Sat 12th arose at 5. W. fine spent most of the day in cooking; transacted business in the 13th Ward in the eve retired about 11.

Sun 13th arose about 6. W. mild and cloudy. Did housework attended Sunday School a.m. and Teachers meeting at noon, had a long talk with Bro T.F. Howells about Children. Called on my Daughter Effie p.m. came home about 4. Went to Ward meeting in the eve Bros T.C. Hall and Rodney Badger spoke well retired about 10.

Mon 14th arose at 4.30 W. fine. Did housework all day, ret retired about 10.

Tue 15th arose at 4.30 W. lovely. Did housework all day. Helped to set out some rosebushes this eve. Miss Lizzie Kimball spent p.m. with Addie. My Husband is sick this eve retired about 10.30.

Wed 16th arose about 6. W. quite warm, did housework all day Prest A.M. and Bp. David H. Cannon dined with us. Accompanied by little Kate and George attended the Block meeting held in the house of Brother Binder. Took two short trips after meeting. retired about 10.

Thu 17th arose about 6. W. cloudy and mild slight sprinkling of rain. did houseuework a.m. repairing p.m. and sat for my Photo, Transacted business up town came home at 5.30 attended to home affairs, retired about 11.

Fri 18th arose before 6. W. cloudy, nice shower for me. Did housework most of the day. Attended Primary meeting p.m. had a pleasant time. Miss Clara Bockholt called. Nephi goes to the Theatre to night. retired before 12

Sat 19th arose before 6. W. fine but chilly Did housework all day heard of the death of the little son of my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges. Retired after midnight Recived a letter from my Sister

Sun 20th arose about 6. frost on the ground, day fine air cold, Did house-work a.m. at 1. oclock went to the funeral of my little Nephew Bro A Milton Musser spoke. Rode up to the Cemetry with Sister Linn Musser, and Aunt Elizebeth Pratt came home about 5. attended to home affairs. Went to

Ward meeting Elers Mc. ay and J.R. Morgan spoke. Retired about 9
Mon 21st arose at 5. W. fine and cold. and wind, Did housework all day. Miss Williams of Logan called; also my Daughter Effie and babe and baby and Marve. Retired at 9.30

Tue 22nd arose at 4.25 W. fine did housework all day retired about 10.

Wed 23rd arose about 10. W. fine did housework all day retired about 10.30.

Thu 24th arose about 6. W. ~~fine~~ cloudy. sprinkled a little this eve and a.m. did repairing cleaning and cooking Misses Nora Cannon and Clara and Nellie Bockholt supped with us, retired about 10.

Fri 25th arose about 6. W. cloudy ~~arose~~ sprinkling of rain, did housework and ironing and worked among the flowers, retired about 11.

Sat 26th arose about 6. W. fine mostly but cold, sprinkling of snow spent the day in cleaning and cooking Miss Nora Cannon called Aunt Nett dined with us. Retired about 11.

Sun 27th arose about 6. W. fine attended to home affairs. At 10 went to S School Addie and babe and Nora accompany George out to Mill creek to preach I spent p.m. at home writing a letter of importance to my brother about work for my Sister Dorcas⁷ Attended Ward meeting this eve Elder John Clark and Bp Pollard spoke retired about 9.30.

Mon 28th arose at 5. W. fine Did housework all day Aunt Nette called this eve also Bros David Edwards and F.W. Morgan as teachers had an intresting time with them. Began to commit the 4. Chap of Revelations a week ago to day finished it to day, also began to commit the 5th Chap retired about 11.

Tue 29th arose about 6. very high wind part of the night. Did housework all day. Mr John Cannon called this eve Retired about 10

Wed 30th arose at 5. W. fine. Did housework all day Nephi George and Kate attend the Music Hall to night, retired about 11.

Thu 31st arose soon after 5. W. fine. Did housework and ironing, am sick with a cold retired about 12.

April 1887

Fri 1st arose about 6. W. fine am feeling better but far from well. Did housework all day, repairing in the eve Aunt Nett and Rose, and Sister Waterfall called this p.m. Addie and George attend a party gotten up in honor of Louis M. Cannon's 21st birthday, he is called on a Mission to Europe this day we retired about 12.

Sat 2nd arose about 6. Aunt Nett goes orve Jordan to day to teach School Spent the day in cleaning and cooking, retired about 11.

7. Mary Lois seems to be referring to doing "temple work" for her older sister Dorcas Walker (1831-1843).

Sun 3rd arose about 6. W. fine attended to home affairs. Before 10. went to S. School had a very pleasant time reviewing our former lessons. About noon received an invitation to spend p.m. with My Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges and Lona Eldredge. Mrs Mina Cannon and children and Miss Nora Cannon spent p.m. with us. Prest A.M. Cannon supped with us. Left them about 5. oclock and went to visit My Neices Aggie and Lona Returned about 9. retired about 10

Mon 4th arose about 6. W. fine. Did housework all day. Miss Maud Thompson and her Cousin called also Sisters Binder and Rhodes. Retired about 11.

Tue 5th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework all day. Misess Annie, and Nora Cannon called, retired about 11.

Wed 6th arose about 6. W. fine, attended to home affairs, My Neice Mrs Lona Elderidge and her daughter Edna and Mrs Mary Dunster and little one, my Daughter Effie and babe visited us. retired about 11. sadly tired.

Thu 7th arose about 6. W. cloudy wind storm p.m. spent the day in cooking Mr John Cannon called. Little Addie sick this p.m. retired about 10.30.

Fri 8th arose at 5 gentle shower about 6. Mr John Cannon called, little Addie better. Did housework all day, more rain this p.m. Little Addie worse this p.m. Dr Pratt sent for we not knowing the cause of her sickness, suppose it to be from a fall. General Conference closed to day Held in Provo City Uatah County. retired about 11.

Sat 9th arose before 5. W. cloudy and showery Baby still sick spent the day in cooking and cleaning retired after 1.

Sun 10th arose about 6. W. cloudy and cold spent the day at home attending to home affairs babe still sick Mr John Cannon called a.m. Miss Nora Cannon spent p.m. with us, retired at 10

Mon 11th arose about 6. W. fine Did housework most of the day some repairing Mr John Cannon called early this a.m. Aunt Nett and Miss Annie Cannon called p.m. Miss Nora Cannon spent part of p.m. and supped with us. Miss Mamie Conrad, and Mr John Cannon called this eve, Baby better thank Heaven, retired about 10.30.

Tue 12th arose before 5. ground white with frost, Did housework all day. Miss Mammie Miller called and Mrs Ella McQuarrie, retired about 10.

Wed 13th arose before 6. W. fine rather cold. Received a letter from my brother yesterday. Did housework and ironing retired very late

Thu 14th arose about 5.30 W.fine Did housework cleaning and ironing Addie and George went to board with his Sister Mina to day retired about 9.30

Fri 15th arose about 5. W. lovly Did housework and ironing. also attended Primary meeting had an intresting time. Did repairing in the eve retired about 11.

Sat 16th arose about 5. W. fine, cloudy and windy at night. Spent the day in cleaning. Aunt Nett and Maud called also my little Sec Reana Baker and Mame Chamberlin. Rain falling about 11. as we retire.

Sun 17th arose about 6. soaking rain dureing the night. sprinkled some

this a.m. Attended to home affairs befor 10. went to Sunday School had a pleasant time. Spent p.m. at home reading the Epestle of the first prsidency stayed at home in the eve to answer an important letter to my Brother about work for the dead. retired about 11.

Mon 18th arose about 6. W. fine Did housework and repairing retired about 10.

Tue 19th arose about 6. W. fine sharp nights and mornings. Did housework and continued repairing Miss Sarah Hall called. We called on Addie for the first time scince she left us Nephi attends the Theatre George visits his Sunday School teacher retired about 11.

Wed 20th arose about 6. W. cold and wet did housework all day repairing in the eve Pouring rain then and high wind this eve. Katie attends a surprise party to night on Miss Carry Williams retired after midnight.

Thu 21st arose about 6. W. cold and cloudy rain about noon, did housework and ironing and cleaning feel sick this eve from fatigue retired about 11.

Fri 22nd arose about 6. W. fine and rather cold, Did housework and went to Primary. Transacted business in town called on Addie, came home after dark. Nephi attends his priesthood meeting this eve. Did repairing this eve retired about 11.

Sat 23rd arose about 6. W. fine rather cold spent the day in cleaning, did cooking in the eve. Aunt Nett called had apleasant chat Aunt Hattie Burton called this p.m. Retired about 11.

Sun 24th arose about 6. still tired from yesterdays work, attended to home affairs, went to Sunday school, also to the Tabernacle Elder [blank] spoke with great power. Spent the eve at home finishing a letter to my brother and some other writing retired abot 10.30.

Mon 25th arose before 5. W. fine Did housework all day; cutting out in the eve, a brother schoill called, retired about 10.

Tue 26th arose before 5. W. lovely Did sewing and transacted business in town. Sister Rohodes called retired about 11.

Wed 27th arose a before 5. W. lovely received a letter from my Neice Zadie Walker Also a Photo of my brother's five daughters Zaidee, Ida, Annie [Walker] Aggie [Agatha Abigail Walker] and Nellie [Eleanor Walker] which delighted my heart. Did housework all day, Elias Jones and George M. Cannon called this eve retired about 10.

Thu 28th arose about 5. W. quite warm did housework a.m. p.m. worked on a dress at Mrs Lidia [Lydia Elizabeth Spencer] Clawson's spent the afternoon with Amelia Spencer, her Sister Mrs Clawson going out to the Peniten to visit her Husband who is imprisoned for concience sake.⁸ retired about 11.

8. On November 3, 1884, Rudger Clawson was sentenced to four years of imprisonment and was fined eight hundred dollars for polygamy and unlawful cohabitation. The

Fri 29th arose about 5 W. warm windy and cloudy Did housework ironing and attended Primary meeting had an interesting time. My Daughter Addie and George and darling babe called this eve. Katie and George attend a birthday party this eve of Master Willie [Charles William] Baker, The Queen of the Sandwich Islands passed through this City to day, was met by a great many of our people the greeting was very pleasant.⁹ Retired about 11.

Sat 30th arose about 6. began to look over my first day book for the purpose of correcting it. which has been written more than seven years. Did housework cleaning all day, cooking in the eve, some ironing. Rain began to fall at 9. this a.m. snow p.m. Miss Clara Boockholt called, r Princ Leopold passed through our City to day, was much delighted with the Grand Organ and the Tabernacle. We retired after 12. Sun

May 1887

Sun 1st arose about 6.30. snow on the ground and still falling Attended to home affairs, went to Sunday School, had a pleasant time, tried to go to the Tabernacle but was prevented Royal B. Young spoke. We called to see Mrs Hiskey's sick baby. Spent p.m. at home reading. Went to Ward meeting in the eve, called on my daughter Effie retired about 11. pm fine and cloudy snow gone

Mon 2nd arose at 5.30. rain falling, a.m. drizzly p.m. fine and cloudy Did housework all day some sewing in the eve. Called on Mrs Clawson in the eve also my Daughter Addie, heard something rather unpleasant about my future prospects. came home about 10. retired about 11.

Tue 3rd arose before 5. day fine but windy, cloudy this eve Did housework and washed bedding a.m. washed wooll and did cleaning p.m. some dressmaking in the eve Mr Charlie Grggs and Sister Rhodes calld retired about 9.30. very tired.

Wed 4th arose at 5.30. day fine, Did housework most of the day, some dressmaking Nephi attends the theatre to night, retired about 12.

Thu 5th arose before 5. W. fine. Did a good deal of cleaning and cooking. At 10. oclock went to Fast Meeting. Spent p.m. in ironing. Received a letter from my brother. My Husband's Mamoth Mine case comes off or begins to day this being the third trial of the same Case. The Mamoth

case was appealed to the Utah Supreme Court and then the U.S. Supreme Court, but both courts upheld his sentence for polygamy. Clawson remained in the penitentiary for over three years, until December 12, 1887, when he was released by a pardon from President Grover Cleveland. *Chronology*, 116, 119, 156.

9. Queen Kapiolani was the wife of the king of the Hawaiian Islands, David Kalakaua (1836–1891), who ruled the Islands from 1874 to 1891. On April 29, 1887, Queen Kapiolani passed through Salt Lake City on the railroad. *Chronology*, 147.

Case is closed this eve, by Husband takeing \$15.000 fifteen thousand dollars wher thirtyseven thousand was his due.¹⁰ Aunt Nett called this eve, stayed over night retired about 11.

Fri 6th arose about 5.30 W. warm and wndy Did cooking and cleaning and transacted business in town Attended Primary we had games on the green ajoining the schoolhouse the little ones were very happy and we were as much so as they were to see them Retired about 10.

Sat 7th arose about 5.30. rain dureing the night day cool and bright did a good deal of housework and attended Conference a.m. and p.m. Aunt Nett went home to day. We retired about 12.

Sun 8th arose about 5.30. W. lovely, Soon after 10. went to the Tabernacl the peaker were Elders John Nicholson and Elias Morris p.m. Elders Andrew Kimball S.F. Richards Abram Cannon John T. Cain and Prest. A.M. Cannon. The brethren spoke with great power Eler A.H. Cannon made presious promises to the percu Spent ths eve at home retired about 10.

Mon 9th arose before 5. W. fine Did housework a.m. p.m. called on Mrs L. Clawson on business also my daughter Addie Aunt Barbara called about 6. p.m. retired about 10.

Tue 10th arose about 5. W. fine Did housework all day Mrs Kate Brown called this eve requesting me to sit up with her Mother in law who is dying, Sisters S.M. Kimball and Rebecca Jones were there also Little Kate accompanied me. ~~Came~~ I sat up all night.

Wed 11th came home about 6. day fine air, cold. Did housework and the weeks ironing. Winnie Jones called this p.m. retired about 10.

Thu 12th arose about 6. W. fine but cold, fires and winter clothing comfortable. Did housework coloring and repairing, retired about 11.

Fri 13th arose about 6. wrote a note to Provo and Mailed it on the early Train Did housework attended Primary and did a good deal of cleaning, did repairing in the eve. retired about 10.30.

Sat 14th arose about 5. did dairy work before breakfast W. fine spent the day in cleaning Aunt Nett came this p.m. had a sort of Bishop's trial. she stayed with us all night. This is my fifty-second birthday, may God help me to keep faithful to the end. My son Nephi presented me with a beautiful work box. Have been suffering all day with nural [neuralgia] retired about 11.

Sun 15th arose about 6. W. quite warm. About 11. a.m. went to the funeral of Sister Agness Irvin. The speaking was pointed and pathetic all that could be said of a true latterday saint was said of her the Cortage was

10. This was the fourth time over a period of more than five years that Elias Morris's suit against the Mammoth Mining Company came to trial. On May 5, 1887, Elias Morris agreed to settle out of court for fifteen thousand dollars, although he believed that he was owed thirty-seven thousand dollars. *Deseret Evening News*, May 5, 1887, May 6, 1887.

about three blocks long. Spent what was left of the day at home wrote to my dear Sister retired about 11. Yesterday Bro J.H. Dean was freed charges broughed against him¹¹

Mon 16th arose about 6. W warmer did housework all day; began housecleaning, Addie and George and darling babe called, bringing a beautiful birthday present apologizeing for two days delay. Also recived a present from my Grandsons Eddie and Lelie. Bros F.W. Morgan [*blank*] Boyed called as teachers, had a pleasant interview with them retired about 11.

Tue 17th arose about 6. high wind last night arose at midnight to water hot ashes in the Street, rather a dareing but satisfactory job. Day fine and warm, continued housecleaning, retired about 10.

Wed 18th arose about 4.15 sun time Did dairy work befor 5. day quite warm, spent it in doing housework In the eve made some preparations for a pick nick which is being gotten up on my Neice Mrs Florence R. Dean.¹² retired after midnight

Thu 19th arose about 5. W. cloudy and widy did housework ironing and cooking for the picnic. About 9. p.m. accompanied by little Kate and my daughter Effie and her Husband rode up to my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges for the purpose of joining in a surprise gotten up on her Daughter Florence, congratulatory of her Husband's freedom and her own freedom from exile. The entertainment was very pleasant, some very grand singing, and very good reciteing the party broke up about 12, we retired after 1. clock

Fri 20th arose about 6. W. fine, feel sick with fatigue. Did housework ironing and attended Primary meeting had a pleasant time retired about 10.

Sat 21st arose about 5.30. W. fine spent the day in cleaning, eve in cooking. There were two shocks of an Earthquake to day at 5. minnuts to 1. oclock it made some of us turn pale Aunt Nett and Rose came this p.m. she had another Bishops trial this eve, poor child I wish she was through with such unpleasant affairs. Retired about midnight

Sun 22nd arose about 6. W. fine attended to home affairs. Accompanied by Aunt Nett and little Kate went to S. School spent the rest of the day at home feeling very tired. In the eve wrote a letter to my brother and one to his five daughters, retired about 11.

Mon 23rd arose befor 5. W. fine. Did housework a.m. housecleaning p.m. called on Mrs Lizzie [Eliza Francis Brown] Chamberlin in the eve. Also wrote up my Journal attended to home affairs. Read for the Children, retired about 10. ~~arose at 3:15~~

11. Joseph Henry Dean (1855–1947), the son of Catherine Knott and Joseph Dean, was the husband of Florence Ridges and Sarah Allen Arnold. On May 14, 1887, a jury found Dean not guilty for the charge of polygamy. *Chronology*, 148.

12. Florence Ridges Dean was the plural wife of Joseph Henry Dean. The picnic seems to have been to celebrate the verdict finding her husband not guilty of polygamy.

Tue 24th at 3.15. to call George who begins to deliver for the Home Bakery. retired, and arose before 6. W. fine, Did housework a.m. Housecleaning p.m. read for the children in the eve, retired about 10.

Wed 25th arose before 4. Did dairy work called on Mrs Chamberlain twice and wrote a note to Provo before 7. oclock. About 10.30 Nephi came over from the Court House to say that Addie presented her Husband with a son and George was comeing in a few minutes to take me up there in the buggy. Found Mother and babe doing well, the latter very fine and weighing 10. lbs. Came home before noon spent p.m. in cleaning retired about 10. W. fine.

Thu 26th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework a.m. p.m. continued housecleaning retired about 10.

Fri 27th arose about 4. W. fine Did housework, ironing and attended Primary retired about 12.

Sat 28th arose early spent most of a.m. in ironig p.m. in cleaning evening in cooking, did some repairing read for the children in the eve, retired about 11.

Sun 29th arose soon after 5. W. hot Did the mornings work and attended S. School. rested p.m. Spent the eve with Addie found her doing well. Met my Sister there, have not seen her for about a year exceptng at the surprse on Florence retired about 10.30.

Mon 30th arose about 5. W. hot spent the day at home worked till about 3. Sallie Ashton called Nephi attends the theatre to night retired about 9.

Tue 31st arose early W. hot did the days work and a good deal of housecleaning, Sister Monsen called rose Thompson called yesterday retired about 10.

June 1887

Wed 1st arose befor 4. W. hot, did dairy work ~~here~~ cleaning and cooking. About 3. oclock went to hold pic nick with the Primary Children, gave a s sketch of the life of Brigham Young. we held our pic nick in honor of his birthday. At 5. was taken over to Addie's to witness the blessing of little George M. who is eight days old. Prest A.M. Cannon Uncle David Cannon and my Husband being presant. Prest A.M. Cannon being mouth; a rich repast was prepared. and an enjoyable time had Mr John Cannon drove us home. Retired about 10.

Thu 2nd arose about 5. W. much cooler there was a great wind storm (last tuesday night called on Bro Binder that night.) Did housework cleaning and ironing to day retired about 11.

Fri 3rd arose about 4.30. W. plasant. Did housework and ironing Sister Binder called this p.m. Recived a letter from my Neice yesterday and a

note from my brother. Emptied the dining room and took up the carpet this eve. Searched over some papers for an important date. Thunder lightening and sprinkling rain at a late hour; retired after midnight

Sat 4th arose about 5. Heavy showr about 7.30 dreadful wind all day. Continued housecleaning, retired about 10.

Sun 5th arose about 6. W. fine Did housework a.m. went to the Tabernacle p.m. Eders G.G. Bywater and H.G.P Parks spoke very well. Met my Sister there. After meeting was introduced to my Father's old friend Bro Samuel Downs whom we have not seen for 40. years, was invited to visit him tomorrow. Called on Addie's on our way home. Spent the eve conversing with my Sister which seems pretty good. We called on Sister Binder to see the grand picture that has been gotten up. retired about 11.30.

Mon 6th arose about 5. W. fine and cool. Did housecleaning a.m. spent p.m. with Brother Downs and Daughter had a very pleasant time reched home about 7. oclock read for the Children in the eve. Wrote a long letter to my Husband. who went to the Park this p.m. retired about 2. oclock.

Tue 7th arose about 5. W. lovely. Did more housecleaning a.m. fited up the boys room which looks very nice. p.m. attended a grand surprise gotten up on our beloved Prest Sarah M. Kimball witnessed the presentation of the grand picture of forty faces, her own icluded all good pictures a very enjoyable time was had, our Pest by the request of Sister Zina Young spoke in tounges; the latter in giveing the interpretation said it was the language spoken before the throne of God. Came home about 5. Attended the Grand Contata Belshazzar in the Tabrnacle in the eve it was a grand affair.¹³ Retired about 11.30.

Wed 8th arose before 5. W. quite warm. Did housework all day cleaning p.m. My Husband and his son John came home from the Park this eve. retired about 10.

Thu 9th arose before 5. W. warm Did housework a.m. housecleaning p.m. My Husbands Daughter Mrs Winnie Tibbs presented her Husband with a fine Daughter [Florence Morris Tibbs] this *[blank]* Retired about 10.

Fri 10th arose about 5. W. hot Did housework and transacted business up town amongst other business secelected a carpet p.m. did housework and made a birthday cake. After lamp light began to sew on a new carpet. Sister Monson and Sister Rhodes helping me retired before 12.

Sat 11th arose about 4.30. W. hot we finished sewing the carpet about

13. George Frideric Handel's oratorio "Belshazzar" was performed by Zion's Choral Union. In the oratorio's biblical narrative, Belshazzar, the King of Babylon, holds a feast. During the course of the feast, a mysterious hand appears and writes an indecipherable message on the wall. The prophet Daniel interprets the writing as a message from God that Belshazzar's days are numbered, and that night the Persians invade. *Deseret Evening News*, June 8, 1887.

8. a.m. got it put down by about 2. p.m. spent the day in putting things to rights. About 3. oclock our guests began to arrive, whom we had invited in honor of my Sisters' birthday Addie and her sweet Babes came first, then my Sister and Daughter Aggie then my Daughter Effie and darling babe then Sister Linn Musser, George and Ed. Supper went off very pleasantly, guests went home early including my Neice Clara bell Ridges Had a long chat with my Sister retired about 2. oclock though when supper was over felt too tired to speak.

Sun 12th arose about 6. W. very warm. did housework and went to S. School had a pleasant time. At the Meeting house door bade my Sister goodbye. Spent p.m. in working and resting, being sadly fatigued Attended ward meeting in the eve the speakers were S.F. Richards and Frank Hide called on Effie after meeting caught a dreadful cold p.m. ~~spent~~ retired about 11.

Mon 13th arose about 6. W. fine spent the night in sneezing instead of sleeping. Did housework a.m. rested some went to bed sick p.m. spent a night of pain and restlessness

Tue 14th arose about 8. still feeling sick and full of pain Took some remedies feel better as the day wears on try to work Health returns by degrees Wrote up my Journal and did repairing this eve retired after midnight

Wed 15th arose about 5.30. W. fine but cool, slight shower about 1. p.m. Did housework all day, am gaining but do not feel right yet. Called on my Neice Mrs Tibbs this eve, found her and babe doing well, retired about 10.30.

Thu 16th arose about 6. W. fine and cool did housework and the weeks ironing Aunt Lavnia Morris, called this eve retired about 11.

Fri 17 arose about 6. W. warm Did housework and worked on a dress for little Kate Miss Minnie Grey called also Missess Reena baker and Eda Gardner we did not attend Primary on account of not feeling well and being busy, there was none held Nephi goes to the Theatre to night to witness the Devil's Auction retired about 1. oclock.

Sat 18th arose about 6. W. fine spent the day in cleaning, did repairing in the eve. Aunt Nett called, finished her ~~Uerm~~ term of teaching at North Point yesterday. Retired about 11.

Sun 19th arose about 6. W. warm attended S School a.m. Tabernacle p.m. Elders John Maiben and Wooley spoke. Bro Ant Hiner called who has returned from a Mission to the Southern States. Spent the eve at home. Mrs Cheer Parry called. Retired about 01.30.

Mon 20th arose about 4. W. fine spent the day at Calders Gardens accompanied by Nephi George and Kate; met my Daughter Effie there and many members of the Ward, had a pleasant time, My Daughter Addie and Babes called this eve also Miss Nora Cannon. Retired about 10.30.

Tue 21 arose about 5. W. fine did housework all day Miss Rose Thompson called twice, her Mother is better Addie brought us some fruit while out for a drive, bless the darling Children retired about 11

Wed 22nd arose about 4. W. quite warm did dairy work, a good deal of cleaning and the weeks ironing Bro David Edwards called as teacher. Little Sissy is very sick at night. retired about 11.

Thu 23rd arose about 5. W. very warm, did housework all most of the day feel prostrated this p.m. have to stop and rest. Did repairing in the eve retired about 11.

Fri 24th arose before 5. W. very hot called on Aunt Nett found her better. came home before noon, Did repairing. Attended Primary p.m. had a pleasant time, very few attended feel blessed in trying to do my duty ~~Retired about 10.30~~ Did a good deal of cleaning after returning. My Daughter Addie sent for me called on her about 10 this eve, found babys poorly. Retired about 12. Aunt Nett called this eve. retired about 12 sadly tired

Sat 25th arose about 6. a.m. hot wind storm at noon shower in the eve. Did a good deal of cleaning a.m. At 10 oclock attended Primary Conference. At noon went to the Peoples Convention held in the Theater to take measures for Utah's Statehood, had a grand time. Transacted business in town came home about 6. attended to home affairs. Miss Lucy Grey called, retired about 10

Sun 26th arose about 6. W. cooler after the rain. Attended to home affairs a.m. pent p.m. at home feeling it my duty so to do. Went to Ward meeting in the eve Prest A.M. Cannon addressed us, called on Addie afterwards retired about 11.

Mon 27th arose about 5. W. hot did housework a.m. p.m. went to the funeral of Sister Sarah Hughes who did yesterday Bp Pollard and Elias Morris preached good sermons, Retired about 10.30.

Tue 28th arose about 5. W. hot. Do not feel very well to day. Did housework a.m. housecleaning p.m. and a good deal of other cleaning in the eve Aunt Barbara called p.m. retired about 10.

Wed 29th arose about 4. W. hot. Did dairy work before breakfast and being entirely overcome with fatigue was obliged to give up and rest. Did housework p.m. and transacted business up Town Miss Rose Thompson called retired about 11.

Thu 30th arose about 5. W. hot did housework all day retired about 11.

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Fri 1st arose about 5. W. warm and Windy, spent most of the day in ironing. went to Primary p.m. had a pleasant meeting. Was obliged to rest for several hours. Did some whitewashing in the eve, also repairing. Aunt Nett called this eve retired about 11.

Sat 2nd arose about 5. W. hot, spent the day in cleaning, retired about 11.

Sun 3rd arose about 5.30 W. hot did housework went to S School at 10.

At 11. a funeral of Bro David Thomas Eders G.J Taylor G.G. Bywater Elias Morris and Prest A.M. Cannon spoke very nicely Spent the rest of the day at home. Addie and Aunt Nett and Sister Binder and Mrs Van called retired about 11.

Mon 4th arose about 4.30. W. hot did some sewing, about 9.30. rode up to see the Prosession returned about 11.30. spent p.m. at home the children have gone to see the grand display of fireworks retired about 10.30. fire bells ringing out aloud as we try to sleep.¹⁴

Tue 5th arose about 4.30. W. hot. did diary work and housework and helped with washing a.m. hear that the Tabernacle was on fire last night. Did housework and repairing p.m. retired about 10.30.

Wed 6 arose about 5. W. very hot spent a.m. in cleaning. Sister Binder called. Did ironing p.m. retired about 10.30

Thu 7th arose before 5. W. very hot, did housework attended Fast Meeting am p.m. did cleaning and cutting out, Miss Clara Bockholt and my Daughter Addie called Retired about 11. heard all the hours of the night strike

Fri 8th arose before 5. W. hot. Worked in the garden a.m. Did housework and sewing, and attended Primary. Called on Father Hall this eve whom they say is dieing. Returned about 12. retired about 1.

Sat 9th arose about 5.30. W. hot spent the day in cleaning and cooking, retired about 11.30.

Sun 10th arose about 5.30. sprinkling of rain about 7. a.m. hot attended to home affairs, went to S School at 10, was obleged to rest p.m. about 5. oclock, high wind and pouring rain streets in lakes and pools. Went to Ward Meeting, in the eve, Elders M. Pack and Walter Batie spoke well. Called on Sister Gill with Sister E. Clark found her siting up. Accompanied By little Kate called on Aaddie on special business. Retired about 11.30.

Mon 11th arose about 5 W. fresh after the rain. Worked in the garden most of the day, did sewing and other work. Aunt Nett called retired about 10.30.

Tue 12th arose about 5. W. hot. Did housework and a great deal of cleaning. feel that it is too much for me. Accompanied Aunt Nett and Rose to Farmers Ward to see Bp H. Burton. retired about 10.30.

Wed 13th arose about 5. W. hot did housework a.m. ironing p.m. retired about 10.30.

Thu 14 arose about 5.30. after a disturbed night. feel very weak and tired. Miss Marian Luffkin [Marion Davis Lufkin] called this a.m. Did housework and ironing and cutting out. Pouring rain this eve retired about 10.30.

14. On July 4, 1887, the Salt Lake Tabernacle caught on fire from "a piece of fireworks called a balloon" that landed on the Tabernacle's roof. The flames were extinguished with only minor damage. *Deseret Evening News*, July 5, 1887; *Chronology*, 149–50.

Fri 15th arose about 5.30. W. hot. Did housework and almost made a dress for little Kate Cousin Winnie Jones stayed with us to night.

Sat 16th arose about 6. W. hot. spent a.m. in cleaning and cooking. p.m. took Aunt Nett and little Kate to the Circus re Addie and George and babs called Nephi and George attend the Theatre this eve retired about 12.

Mon Sun 17th arose about 6. W. hot At about 10. a.m. our friends Sister Burgoyne and Miss Miller called had a pleasant chat They promised to call p.m. and so we did not attend Tabernacle meeting. Addie and dear babes visited us p.m. Willie Bowring and Mrs Black called p.m. We called on dear Effie this eve. Have had a great desire to attend meeting to day hope I have been justified in staying at home. feel dry for want of my meetings retired about 12.

Mon 18th arose about 4.30. dreadful thunder about 3. oclock this a.m. Did dairy work, housework and repairing Aunt Nett called this eve, retired about 10.

Tue 19th arose about 5.30 W. hot Did house work a.m. p.m. wrote up my Journal made up my accounts, and did a good deal of cleaning read for the children in the eve, retired about 10.30.

Wed 20th arose about 5. W. hot. Spent most of the day in ironing, ~~did some cutting out~~, read for the C. in the eve retired about 10.30.

Thu 21st arose about 6. W. very hot. Did housework and sewing and some cutting out retired about 10.30.

Fri 22nd arose about 5.30. W. hot. Did housework and sewing and went to Primary, had a very intresting meeting questioned the children from the book of Mormon and other things. Chated by the way side with a colored Lady by the name [Elizabeth Flake Rowan] who was reared in the family of Apostle Amasa Lyman but has been away thirty six years. Was made aquainted with her Daughter [Alice Ann Rowan] who is very Lady-like and refined, and are staying with my neighbour Mrs Blanch [Susan Blanchard], also colored. Had a pleasant chat with Sarah Brown Clayton, retired about 10.

Sat 23rd arose before 5. had an early chat with Mrs ~~blanch~~-Blanch[ard]. who is a very plasing person. Did housework all day. Mrs Van is very sick, called on her late this eve. retired about 11. have felt poorly all day

Sun 24th arose about 6. W. very hot went to S.S and Tabernacl flegt almost overcome with heat and fatigue comeing home. fond Maisen and dear babes Addie and Georgie awaiting me, had the pleasure of their company at supper retired about 10.

Mon 25th aros about 6.15. W. cooler fresh breeze. Miss Rose Thompson called at noon. spent a.m. doing housework and finished some sewing for Kate. Spent p.m. in prepareing Juveniles for binding spent an houre or two in reading Today is observed as a holyday as the 24th fell on the sabath, and is rather a sad 24th or rather 25th most of our Leaders being

in exile and our beloved President very low, and if he should die his brethren of the twelve Apostles would not dare attend his funeral expect it might be one or two, but this will not last allways. Retired about 10. Nephi and George went to the Lake p.m. Littl Kate spent p.m. with Ella Clark. we spent the day very quietly but pleasantly

Tue 26th arose about 6. W. cooler Did dairy work, housework and repairing, Aunt Nett called this p.m. dined with us. Rose called w this eve and told us that our beloved Prest Taylor is dead died last night at 8 oclock.¹⁵ Retired about 10.30.

Wed 27th arose about 5. W. hot. Did housework and a good deal of cleaning, retired about 11.

Thu 28th arose about 6. W. hot, spent Most of this day in ironing. Miss Alice Roan (colored) called on us according to promise; she is very Clever performer upon the Piano, and is very much the Lady. We sang several peices together, retired about 10.30.

Fri 29th arose about 6. W. hot attended to home affairs. At 10.30. Went to the Tabernacle to view the remainains of our esteemed President. which lay in State from 7. a.m. until 11.30. the crowd was a perfect jam or stove pot it seemed, but no lives lost or bones broken the Tabernacle was draped and beautifully decked with flower. The largest number of persons assembled that ever have in the capitol of Utah the speakers were Lorenzo Snow F.D. Richards Heber J. Grant, D.H. Wells, A.O. Smoot, J.B. Nobles and A.M. Cannon. The Prossesson was grand and imposing five Bands accompanied it and a hundred veacles there was a spirit about the prosession that seemed so Calm and grand like the (one) it folloed. Spent the rest of the afternoon with Addie. Aunt Barbara called this eve, retired about 11. Mr Morris came down from Park City to attend the Funeral

Sat 30th arose about 5.30. W. hot did housework all day Miss Mary Rolands of Cache Valley, called this p.m. etired about 11.

Sun 31st arose about 6. W. very hot attendd to home affairs had a very pleasant time at S School Went to the Tabrnacl p.m. Councilor D.H. Wells and Prest A.M. Cannon spoke Started to evening meeting, thought it wiser to turn back. Shortly after, my dear old friends Mary Rolands and Jane Roberts called upon me spent a short time very happily with them talking over old times retired about 10.30.

15. On July 25, 1887, President John Taylor died while hiding at the house of Thomas F. Rouché in Kaysville, about fifteen miles north of Salt Lake City. The president had been in hiding for two and a half years, from February 1, 1885, until his death. At his funeral, he was "honored for being a double martyr whose blood was shed in Carthage Jail with Joseph and Hyrum Smith and who then died in exile because of government persecution." *Comp. History*, 6:187–88; EM, 626.

August 1887

Mon 1 arose about 4. W. hot did dairy work and housework Aunt Nett moved here today. Did some sewing retired about 10.30.

Tue 2nd arose about 6. W. hot did housework took care of fruit retired about 10.30.

Wed 3rd arose about 5.30. W. hot feel very faint and weak nowadays and have a stiff aching back on rising from bed. Worked in the house and canned fruit. This eve Miss Roan came over and played for us very sweetly accompanied by her Mother and Mrs Bird retired about 10.30.

Thu 4th arose about 5.30. W. hot. Did housework and put up fruit. Transacted business in the eve, also accompanied Aunt Nett to Mrs Chatfield. Retired about 10.30.

Fri 5th arose about 6. W. hot, did housework and ironing also attended Primary had an interesting time We were visited by Mrs Alsop of Cach Valley and Mrs Covington and daughter. of the 16th Ward Transacted a good deal of business in town. Had great difficulty in walking home. Nephi and George went to the doctor after retiring. My Husband came from Park City to day. retired about midnight

Sat 6th arose about 6. W. hot Did housework and ironing, retired about 10.30.

Sun 7th arose about 5. W. hot attended to home affairs. At 10 o'clock received a call from Miss Roan, had a long talk with her about our religion Accompanied by Aunt Nett and Miss Roan attended the Tabernacle. Elder Joseph Thourp and Bishop Whitney spoke very well. spent the eve at home feeling exhausted to go to meeting retired about 9.30.

Mon 8th arose about 4.30. early morn very cool, day hot. did dairy work, housework and sewing Miss Roan called to bid me good bye received many thanks from herself and family for kindness and attention we had shown them as tourists. retired about 10.30

Tue 9th arose about 5. W. sultry High wind about 6. a.m. slight rain about 1. p.m. and thunder. Did housework and sewing. Thunder and shower this eve. Read for the Children, retired about 9.30.

Wed 10th arose about 4. W. fine spent most of the day in ironing, retired about 12.

Thu 11th arose about 5. showr last night day fine recived a visit from my daughters Effie Addie and their babes also Mr Cannon, and Sister Smith of St George. Addie told a remarkable dream that she had has Retired about 9.30. very tired.

Fri 12th arose about 6. W. hot, did housework and sewing, and went to Primary meeting had an interesting time. Transacted business up town Dreadful Lightning thunder and rain to night. Emma Jennings dropped herself down here to day retired about 11.

Sat 13th arose about 6. W. fine, hail storms about 1. oclock. Did housework all day took a drive in the eve for a purpose but failed retired about 11.

Sun 14th arose about 5. W. hot went to S. School a.m. spent p.m. at home. In the eve took a drive to find out matter about Emma Jennings, retired about 11.30

Mon 15th arose about 5.30. W. fine fearful wind last night spent most of the day in dressmakeing. Emma still here retire about 11.

Tue 16th arose about 5. W. hot did housework a.m. p.m. prepared to spend a few hours at the Lake returned about 9. retired about 10.

Wed 17th arose about 6. W. hot spe most of the day in ironing also prepared fruit for bottleing Bros David Ewards and B.W. Morgan as teachers retired about 10.30.

Thu 18th arose about 6. W. hot. Did housework and dressmaking retired about 11. [*In top margin: Thu 18th* Addie George and sweet babes called this eve]

Fri 6th arose about 4.30. W. hot, Did housework and dressmaking Addie and George and sweet babys called this eve retired about 11.30.

Sat 20th arose 6. W. hot, did housework most of the day some repairing retired about 12.

Sun 21st arose about 6. W. very hot attended S. School chatted with Bro Binder while there about Emma Jennigs Rested p.m. Went to Ward meeting Elder H. Goddard and Arthur Stayner were the speakers, Called on Sister Grey retired about 10.30.

Mon 22nd arose about 5. W. hot. Did housework and dressmakeing retired about 10.30.

Tue 23rd arose 5. a.m. fine, clouds and thunder about 1. oclock, p.m. fine Did housework ironing and sewing, retired about 10.

Wed 24th was wakened about 1. a.m. by the wind, arose about 3. retired again. and arose about 6. a.m. cloudy p.m. changeable some thunder some rain but mostly fine Spent most of the day in dressmaking. Mrs Jelette called on Aunt Nett. Accompanied by little Kate called on my Daughter Effie this eve who baby is poorley had a a refreshing interview retired about 10 30.

Thu 25th arose about 5. W. mostly fine. Did housework and dressmaking Addie George and babes call. retired about 11.

Fri 26th arose about 5. W. fine, sprinkling and cloud did housework dairy work and finished a dress, Received a note and present. [*In left margin: held primary in the house to day.*] Retired about 11.

Sat 27th arose about 5.30 W. warm, high wind about 5. p.m. Did housework and repairing retired about 11.

Sun 28th arose about 5. read till 7. gentle gentle rain falling a.m. attended S. Schoo, and Tabernacle Bishop O.F. Whitney spoke Went to Ward meeting Broth Rodney Badger spoke very finely. Retired about 10.30

Mon 29th arose about 5. W. fine did housework most of the day, Called on Effie and transacted business. Addie and George came to board with us to day. Retired about 11.

Tue 30th arose about 5. W. very windy did housework mad soap caned fruit assorted about 25 lbs of greain some sewing in the eve retired about 10. sick with fatigue.

Wed 31st arose at 5. gentle rain has been falling W. cool and fine Did housework and dairy work. Miss Burgoyne and Miss Miller this a.m. p.m. I went to the funeral of Father ~~Rot~~ Samuel Nellen who crossed the Plains in the year 1853. the same year that we did the speakers were George B. Wallace Bp John Sharp Eward Snelgrove C.R.Savage and George Romney. Transacted business in town return ed before dark. Wrote up my Journal in the eve also my acconts had Nephi look ove the Primary acconts; retired about midnight

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Thu 1st arose about 5. W. warm Did housework attended Fast meeting tended Baby did some ironing entertained my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges, retired about 10.

Fri 2nd arose about 5. W. fine ~~retired~~ Did housework and attended Primary meeting, called on Sister Thompson. Our old friend Brother Jewks, wife and son John of Emery County called on us this a.m. retired about 10.30.

Sat 3rd arose about 5. W. fine spent most of the day in cleaning and repairing retired about 11.

Sun 4th arose before 5. W. hot, attended to home affairs went to S. School pent p.m. at home guarding the house and Children, Addie went to the Tabernacle Aunt Nett and I, Kate and Emma wnt to Ward meeting the speakers were Milson Pratt and Robert Sloan, Retired about 9.

Mon 5th arose about 4.30. W. warm, did housework and painting my Neice Claraball ridges called Bro Malk called on Aunt Nett about school teachng Aunt Nett and Rose met Bp Heckenllooper and councilors and Prest A.M. Cannon. retired about 9. sick with fatigue

Tue 6th aros about 5. W. hot Did housework and ~~painting~~ and entertained Sister Eliza Smith of St George who spent p.m. with us. Accompanied by Sister Smith Addie and babes and little Kate called on Effie came home about 9.30. dreadfull wind this eve retired about 10.30.

Wed 7th arose about 5. W. very warm did cleaning and other work Sister Smith went away this p.m. retired about 11.

Thu 8th arose about 5.30. W. hot Did housework, ironing and fruit caning Miss Mamie Miller called retired about 10.30.

Fri 9th arose about 5.30. W. warm. Did housework washd and pressed dress goods Attended Primary meeting had a pleasant time enjoyed a

good portion of the spirit of God in our meeting, feel to thank him for it. spoke about the flood, about revelations and principles of the work of God. Transacted a good deal of business up Town, called on Sister L. Clawson, the Juvenile, Contributor and News Offices Retired about 10.

Sat 10th arose about 5.30. W. warm. did housework all day repairing in the eve retired about 11.30.

Sun 11th arose about 5.30 W. hot attended to home affairs went to Sunday School had a pleasant time. Tended Addie's baby p.m. went to Ward meeting in the eve Elders Elas Morris and T.C. griggs spoke. Sister Smith of St George supped with us, retired about 10.

Mon 12th arose about 5.30. wind thunder lightening and rain last night, air chilly to day but fine. Did housework and transacted business in Town, received a note from my friend Mrs Margret Williams, and answered it retired after 12.

Tue 13th arose about 5 W. fine but rather chilly Did housework all day retired about 11.30

Wed 14th arose about 5.15. W.lovely Did housework, prepared fruit for caning Miss Sarah Price and little Rena Baker came and we prepared our Primary Report. [*In top margin, written upside down: Nora Cannon called*] Retired about 10

Thu 15th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework and worked in the fruit, and canned tomatoes Miss Nora Cannon and Mrs Lizzie Harrison called retired about 11. so tired that I crept across the floor instead of walking.

Fri 16th arose about 6. W. warm, did housework and prepared tomatoes our old friend Samuel Jukes called. We attended Primary had an interesting time wrote a note. Retired after 10

Sat 17th arose about 4.30. W. quite warm, put up fruit and attended Primary Conference. Retired about 12.30.

Sun 18th arose about 5.30 W. warm did housework a.m. p.m. took care of home and Children Addie went to the Tabernacle. Accompanied by little Kate, Aunt Nett and Emma went to Ward meeting Elders Willford [Wilford] Woodruff Jr and Andersen spoke very well. retired about 10.

Mon 19th arose about 5.30. W. fine, spent most of the day in cleaning. About 10. oclock this a.m. I was supe [subpoenaed] as a witness in my husband's unlawful Coabitation Case, recived the Deputuity with calm certiny Accompanied Rose Thompson to Bp Heckenloopers this eve Aunt Lavinia called this p.m. Ed and the little Boys this eve retired about 10.30.

Tue 20th arose about 6. a.m. rather cloudy did housework and varnishing. Received a visit from my Neice Mrs Eva Woods and her sweet children We spent a few hours with my Daughter Effie retired about 10.30.

Wed 21st arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework and painting and cutting up fruit retired about 10.30.

Thu 22nd arose about 5. W. quite warm, did housework, painting put up

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TERRITORY OF UTAH,
COUNTY OF SALT LAKE.

The United States of America
Plaintiff
against
Elias Morris
Defendant

VERDICT.

*We, the Jurors impaneled in the above case, find the Defendant
as charged in the Indictment
Not Guilty*

Dated *Sept 26th* 1887 *M. H. Stanton* Foreman.
Filed *Sept 26th* 1887
W. L. McMillan Clerk.

By _____
Deputy Clerk.

Courtesy of National Archives

*Jury verdict finding Elias Morris not guilty of unlawful
cohabitation, issued on Sept. 26, 1887.*

fruit and ironing. Wind lightening and shower this eve. Worote up my Journal this eve retired about 10.

Fri 23rd arose about 5.30. a.m. fine p.m. cloudy and sprinkling. Did housework, ironing and prepared fruit for canning, and attended Primary, made arrangements for our anual. Little George came home from work sick today at noon, has been sick all week but would not complain or give up of his own accord.¹⁶ Assisted by Aunt Nett put him through a course of steaming this eve. Wind rain, Lightening and dreadful thunder while we are attending to him. Retired after 12.

Sat 24th arose about 6. W. damp and a pouring rain p.m. Did housework and went before friends. George weak and languid put up fruit this eve, some repairing retired about 11.30.

16. Mary Lois believed this illness came from overwork. George, who was now twelve years old, woke at 3 A.M. each morning to work at the Home Bakery. Memoir 236-37; pp. 198-99.

Sun 25th arose about 6. W. quite warm did housework and went to Sunday School, also went to the Tabernacle for the first time in a month haveing stayed at home to let Addie go. Spent p^r evening at home George still weak and lagued retired about 11.

Mon 26th arose about 6. W. warm. At 9.30. went to Court to testify in favor of my husband, who is to be tried for unlawful Coabition his first Wife, son John, daughter Nellie and Miss Sarah Jone testified in his favour The Jury returned a verdict of Not Guilty. Thank My God for that and his sustaining influence dureing the Trial.¹⁷ Transacted business in Town came home tired and lame with fatigue Little Addie fell and cut a gash in her forehead this eve, Retired about 11.

Tue 27th arose before 6. W. fine, did housework dairy work and took care of fruit, Called on Sister Maria Burton in the eve to consult with her about treating George Retired about 11.

Wed 28th arose about 6. W. lovely, little George more feeble, confined to his moved him up stairs to day; the room is pleasant sunny and airy. Did cleaning and painting and tended my little Boy Wrote up my Journal this eve. Retired about 12. Nephi went to the Thetre to night.

Thu 29th arose before 6. W. fine. Did housework and tended my little boy, spent most of the day with him. Sister Tele called, also Dr Murphy.¹⁸ Little George seems a little better to day, Retired about 10.30.

Fri 30th arose about 8. feeling weary W. fine tended my little Boy and did a good bit of cleaning. Retired about 11 Aunt Nett came home from Brighten to day

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Sat 1st arose about 7. W. lovely Did housework and tended my little boy did some repairing Mr John Cannon supped with us did some more painting. retired about 11.30.

17. The jury in the case of *United States of America v. Elias Morris* found Morris not guilty of unlawful cohabitation between May 1, 1883, and December 31, 1885. The verdict states, "We, the Jurors empaneled in the above case, find the defendant Not Guilty as charged in the indictment." *United States of America v. Elias Morris*.

18. Typhoid is an infection of the digestive system that causes general weakness, a high fever, a rash of red spots on the chest, chills, and sweating. In most cases, recovery occurs naturally. Approximately 925 people are recorded in the Mt. Olivet Cemetery books in Salt Lake City as dying of typhoid between 1850 and 1894. The cemetery records show that typhoid fever began "to be strongly epidemic in Salt Lake City in 1868 and continued unabated until 1894." Richards, *Of Medicine, Hospitals, and Doctors*, 167–71.

Sun 2nd arose about 7. W. lovely tended to the duties of the day Johnny and Fancy called to see their Brothe George, Elias Jones called. also Dr. Murphy as he yesterday and day befor retired about 10.30. My Son Nephi is 17 years old to day. [*In left margin: Effie called this eve*]

Mon 3rd arose about 7. W. lovly nights bright moonlight. Did housework and sewing and took care of my paatent Dr Murphy and Sister Rhodes called. retired about 11.

Tue 4th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework and varnishing. ~~retired about 11.~~ and ~~Wed 5th arose about 6.30~~ W. fine more sewing. retired at 11.

Wed 5th Our old friend Sister Burkbeck of Cedar City called on us this eve, have not met her for many years After supper three young couple came in from Cachs Valley to stay over night. Children of our old friends William and Margret Williams and Thomas and Libbie and Emma Allen Williams. and a Miss Steevens and a Miss Benson. This eve also I almost lost my life choaking, but did manage to get my breath again. did a good deal of pickleing this p.m. retired about 11.

Thu 6th arose about 6. W. cold and cloudy, our friends went away this a.m. Mr Alama Williams came back this eve to stay dureing Conference Our friends Mrs Susan Parry and Mrs Marriot of Ogden came to stay with us to day. My Soninlaw Edward Ashton called to see George ths p.m. did more fiting up and and tended my little Boy retired about 11.

Fri 7th arose about 7. W. cold and cloudy, Did a good bit of cleaning and more pickleing Miss Sarah Jones came to George this eve. My Sister came to see us this eve, we have not met scince last June. We talked until a late hour. Little George took a change about two housr after midnight I felt alarmed and did not go to bed.

Sat 8th went to bed about 5. a.m. arose about 9. a.m. W. fine attended to the duties of the day, did repairing in the eve think the fever broke at two oclock this a.m. when my little patient looked so gastly. the folks are enjoying Conference retired about 11. after 12.

Sun 9th arose about 8. W. fine Tended to the duties of the day hope my little darling is better Uncle John Parry called this a.m. Sister Burgoyne also called. This eve our friends Mrs Susan Parry and Mrs Marroitt came back Mrs David Parry called. retired about 10.30.

Mon 10th arose befor 6. W. fine Did housework and tended to my little boy, Sister Birkbeck called this a.m. Dr Murphy and my Nephew Willford O. Ridges. Aunt Lizzie Parry this p.m. also George's Sister Nellie Sisters Parry and Marriott wnt home this p.m. wrote up my Journal of 6. days standing. Did repairing this eve. Retired about 10.30.

Tue 11th arose before 6. W. fine. Our young friend Mr Alma [W.] Williams went home on the early Train We attended to the duties of the day Little George slowly recovering Aunt Lizzie P. Coary Uncle John Parry, and Sister Birkbeck ate supper and spent the eve with us had a pleasant time.

Our old friend Richard Palmer called this eve Retired at 1. oclock

Wed 12th arose before 6. W. lovely Sister Birkbeck wnt away on the early Train Uncle John Parry W.O. Ridges and Miss Natte Burgoyne alleed Attended to suround objects and my little Boy Sister Rhodes called retired about 9.30.

Thu 13th arose before 6. W. lovely. attended to to my little Boy. Did some more fitting up and some more pickleing Edward Ashton called this eve. Retired about midnight.

Sat 15th arose soon after 6. pouring rain last night, day fine Spent most of the day in cleaning tended to my little Boy, Did some repairing. Retired about 9.30.

Sun 16th arose about 6.30. W. lovely Performed the dutes of the day George gaining, Dr called, retired about 11.

Mon 17th arose about 6. W. fine. Did housework and repairing George better up all day, down stairs this p.m. retired about 11. The Suit of Unites ~~StTue~~¹⁹ States againts the Church of Jsus Christ began to day¹⁹ retired about 11.

Tue 18th arose before 6. W. lovely George better. wnt out to day Dr called. Did housework all dy retired about 10.

Wed 19th arose about 6. W. fine. Did housework and sewing Miss Burgoyne called George gaining all the while retired about 10.

Thu 20th arose soon after 5. W. fine did housework and repairing. Retired about 10.

Fri 21st arse about 5. W. lovely. Did housework and coloring. Retired about 10. sadly tired

Sat 22nd arose about 4.30. day fine, high wind at night Did housework and sewingy Retired after midnight

Sun 23rd arose before 6 feeling almost sick from want of rest Day fine George gaining dont wish to leave him until he is able to accompany me to sunday worship Ed and little Marvin called at noon. Effie and the little Boys spent the eve with spent the day attending to home duties. Retired about 10.

Mon 24th arose before 5. W. fine Did housework all day. retired about ~~10~~ 9.3.

Tue 25th arose about 5.30. W. fine high wind to night. Did housework all day, retired about 9.30.

Wed 26th arose about 5.30 W. fine did housework all day Emma Jennings

19. On October 17, 1887, the supreme court of Utah began to hear the first challenge to the seizure provisions of the Edmund-Tucker Act, *United States v. The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*. In this case, the LDS church “argued that the territorial charter given to the church constituted a right that Congress could not constitutionally nullify.” The court rejected the church’s argument, noting that “under common-law rules a corporation’s officers and agents cease to have any right to the use or benefit of corporate property when the corporation is dissolved.” Firmage and Mangrum, *Zion in the Courts*, 254.

went away to day. I hope she will come to no harm. Did the weeks ironing, retired about 10.

Thu 27th arose at 6. W. fine did housework and transacted some business, sent presents to my Neice Miss Nonnie [Hannah Barbara] Morris who has come down from the Logan Temple, having married to Mr Dan [Daniel] Parker wish them present and Eternal happiness. Addie and George attend the wedding of Mis Frany Fenton who has come from the same place on the same errand today. retired about 1. oclock

Fri 28th arose about 7. W. fine did housework all day retired about 9.

Sat 29th arose before 5. W. fine spent the day in cleaning and cooking Miss Sarah Jones called. read for the children in the eve, retired about 10.

Sun 30th arose before 5. W. lovely. pent p.m. performing home duties p.m. went to Tabernacle Elder James McMurren spoke upon the principle of baptism Went to see Addie's new house. Also went to Willard's Burton' new house. Spent the eve at home. Little Percy Ball died at 12.30. this p.m. Retired about 11.

Mon 31st arose about 5.30 W. fine did housework dary work and took care of fruit retired at 12.30.

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Tue 1st arose about 6. W. lovely attended to home affairs, also mad badges for my little Primary Class at 2. attended the funeral of little Percy Ball the speakers were Bp. Taylor Bro T.F. Howells and Concilor Binder. Came home before 4 went ahead with home duties retired about 10.

Wed 2nd arose about 6. W. fine did the days work and good deal of cleaning retired after 10. sick with fatigue.

Thu 3rd arose at 6. W. still very fine, did housework and washed Georges bed and bedding. he is quite well of the fever and is gaining strength fast. Retired after 10.

Fri 4th arose about 6. W. fine did housework all day retired about 10.30.

Sat arose about 6-5. W. fine spent the day in cleaning and cooking retired at 11.30.

Sun 6th arose about 6.30. W.fine spent the day performing home duties. feel weary all day Miss Nora and little Emily Cannon and Miss Wride supped with us. Retired after 10.

Mon 7th arose at 6. W. fine did housework all day, Miss Nell Amer called. Retired about 10.30.

Tue 8th arose about 7. ater a disturbed night Did housework all day, Miss Nora Cannon spent p.m. with us This day Marshal Dyer was apointed Receiver of all Church property. Wonder What next!²⁰ retired about 10.30.

20. The Edmunds-Tucker Act, passed in February 1887, dissolved the Corporation of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and the Perpetual Emigrating Fund

Wed 9th arose before 6. W. fine cloudy yesterday. Spent a.m. doing housework and coloring and tending baby. p.m. Cuting and planing a wrap. retired about 10.

Thu 10th arose about 6. W. fine Spent a.m. doing housework p.m. went the funeral of Benjamun F. [Benjamin Francis] Howells who died last tuesday. The Hall was decorated by the Shakspear Club, to wich he belonged and was beautifully done the speakers were Professors J.H. Peal[*blank*]Stewart, J.B. Toronto, Elder James Moye, Hon. J.H. Moye and Bp Pollard Transacted business up town or rather at Mrs Clawsons retired about 10.

Fri 11th aross before 6. W. fine did housework a.m. dress making p.m. retired about 10. Marshal Frank Dyer Sat was apointed reciver of Church property to day or rather took possession of the Tithing Office

Sat 12th arose about 6. W. fine spent the day in dressmaking some repairing, retired before 12.

Sun 13th arose about 7. W. fine worked till about 3. p.m. attended Ward meeting in the eve Elder David L. Davis and another Elder spoke. Accompanied by my daughter Effie and Aunt Nett made a wedding call on my Neice Mrs Nonnie Morris Parker, retired about 10.

Mon 14th arose about 6 W. fine housework diary work and some washing, worked until 9.2. retired after 10.

Tue 15th arose at 7. after a disturbed night still feeling tierd, did housework all day, received a note from the Trustees of the Ward School. Today, Marshall Dyar took posession of the Gardo house, and arrangements were entered into whereby the Church could retain posession of the Tithing and Historian' Office's by paying rent to Marshal Dyer.²¹ Wrote up my Journal and answered the communication from the brethren afore named. Retired after 1. oclock

Wed 16th arose about 7. W. fine, did housework most of the day, am so weary and oblgd to rest some, retired about 10.

Company and ordered the confiscation of all property of the church totaling over fifty thousand dollars. To aid in prosecutions for polygamy and illegal cohabitation, the act made it compulsory for witnesses to appear at trials and affirmed that it was legal to force wives to testify against husbands. In addition, female suffrage was revoked, and no one was allowed to vote, be on a jury, or hold a public office without signing a new test oath affirming that they supported the antipolygamy laws. In order to carry out this law and confiscate the property, on November 7, 1887, the Utah Supreme Court named U.S. Marshal Frank H. Dyer as receiver of LDS church property. Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 368; Gordon, *The Mormon Question*, 185–88, 206–7.

21. After the appointment of Frank H. Dyer as receiver of church property in November 1887, the LDS church "surrendered the structures built on Temple Block, the General Tithing Office, the Church Historian's Office, the Gardo House, the Church Farm in Salt Lake City, the Office of the President of the Church (including all financial records), and the assets of the Perpetual Emigrating Company." The Temple block, Gardo House, Church farm, General Tithing Office, and Church Historian's Office were leased back to the church for a monthly rent. Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 368–69.

Th Thu 17th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework and a good deal of cleaning and the weeks ironing, retired about 11.

Fri 18th arose at 6. W. fine did housework and transacted business up town, called on Mrs Clawson on business, returned about 11.

Sat 19th arose about 6. W. fine, spent the day in cleaning and cooking, some repairing, retired about 11.

Sun 20th arose about 5. W. fine spent the day at home performing home duties, worked till 4 o'clock, was prevented from attending evening meeting, retired about 10. very tired.

Mon 21 arose about 6.30. W. fine did housework all day retired about 10.

Tue 22nd arose about 6. W. fine did housework and a good deal of cleaning and some sewing retired after 10.

Wed 23rd arose about 6. W. fine did housework and some more dress-making, called on my daughter Effie to enquire about Mrs Sarah Ashton Price, whom I learnt this p.m. is very sick, too much so to be seen. Also called on Sister Gill whose babe is very ill and Husband on a Mission. Came home about 8. Addie and George attend a party this eve. we tended baby and home affairs retired about 11. This day Parley L. Williams Marshal Dyer and dept Arthur Pratt went to the Presidents Office and demanded Church records Safes bonds and all belongings were stoutly refused by David McKenzie and [Marcus] Legrand Young. After the News went to Press the Officers returned and entire possession of the of the Office²²

Thu 24th arose about 6.30 sick with fatigue. W. fine worked till 4. p.m. Addie and George dine with his Mother. they returned before dark home looks cheery and bright. Spent the eve quietly at home. Nephi and the boys are having a grand time in the tent this eve, with spring board and Magic lantern.²³ High wind to night sprinkling of rain retired about 10.30.

Fri 25th arose about 6.30. snow on the ground. W. cold snow falling all day. Did housework and the weeks ironing. Sister Pinder atee with us to day she is assisting Addie to move retired about 11.

22. On November 23, 1887, Frank Dyer, in his capacity as the receiver of LDS church property, demanded "all of the Church records, account books, notes, stocks, money, etc." In response to the demand, David McKenzie, a clerk in the office of the President of the Church, said that he had no charge or possession of any property except the President's Office account books and refused to surrender those. Dyer left without anything being surrendered but returned that night and took charge of the office of the President of the Church and its contents, leaving two deputies in charge. *Deseret Evening News*, November 24, 1887, November 25, 1887; Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 369.

23. Athanasius Kircher invented magic lanterns around 1640. The lanterns, which projected glass slides illustrating stories, songs, and comedy on a screen, were popular during the Victorian period. Stephen Herbert, *A History of Pre-Cinema*, 81–89.

Sat 26th arose about 7. W. fine but cold. Helped Addie to move until 2. p.m. spent the rest of the day in cleaning and cooking Nephi is sick to day and yesterday. Retired about 10.

Sun 27th arose about 6 W. fine Sister Sarah Ashton Price died about 1. oclock this a.m. About 9.30. started to Dr Andersons' Nephi is to be operated upon this a.m. himself and father followed. Got through about 11. came home with Nephi placed him comfortably before the fire, left him in his brothers care, and went to Sister Gills who babe died on friday from there wnt to the funeral of the babe. From the funeral went to my daughter Effie's in whos house Sarah Ashton lived found them all feeling calm and resigned Returned about 3. oclock found Nephi all right. Before starting out this a.m. Mr Wm Coslet [William Cosslett] came here from Coloraldo Aunt Nett taken sick after her brothers' arriveal. We spent the rest of the day at home. George Cannon called to see Nephi. Kate is staying with Addie retired about 10. sadly tired.

Mon 28th arose about 6. a.m. cold p.m. milder and cloudy did housework all day. Nephi confined to his bed. so is Aunt Net retired about 9.30.

Tue 29th arose before 5. W. fine Aunt Nett and Nephi still sick in bed Nephi geting along all right. Did housework a.m. and finished make a dress for little Kate, who called on us this a.m. before 12.30. wnt down to my daughter Effie's both parlors filled with friends who followed the remains up to the meeting house, which was beautifully decorated with white and green. The speakers were Elders T.C. Griggs J.R. Morgan Elias Morris and Bp. Pollard, all spoke in the highest terms of the dear departed. The young Ladeis of her S. School class were her paal beares, a picture of the darling babes was placed at her side in the coffin peace and blessedness be to her Rod up to the grave yard with my daughter Effie and family Came home about 5. Nephi and N aunt Nett are improveing attended to home affairs retired about 9.

Wed 30th arose soon after 5. wrote up my Journal which has long been neglected. W. fine. Did housework all day Aunt Barbara called this p.m. Elias Jone this eve to see Nephi. Did some repairing this eve. Sister Elen Allen was buried this p.m. Retired about 10.

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Thu 1st arose about 6. W. fine, attended to home affairs. Went to Fast meeting a.m. forom there called on Addie in her beautiful new home, called on Mrs Clawson. Miss Lizzie Kimball, and Sister Griggs reached

home about 5. Bro Shonefield called to see Aunt Nett this eve retired about 10.30.

Fri 2nd arose about 6.30. W. cold snow on the ground. Aunt Nett quite lame yet. Did housework, and the weeks ironing and attended Primary for the first time scinc Sep 23rd had a pleasant time and a portion of the spirit of God, thank Him for it. and for the same blessing at Fast Meeting yestreday, retired after 12. so weary we did not sleep till after 1. oclock.

Sat 3rd arose about 7. W. fine spent the day in cooking and cleaning, Uncle Will Coslet spent part of the eve with us. My Husband is administering to Aunt Nett but dare not come in his own home, strange times these! retired about 10.

Sun 4th arose about 6. W. fine a.m. p.m. cloudy and very cold Went to the Tabernacle p.m. had the pleasure of siting near my Sister, have not met her scince October. Spent the eve with my Daughter Addie and family had a very enjoyable time, returned about 9.30 retired after 10. [*In left margin:* Uncle Will Coslet left to day for Cedar City]

Monday 5th arose about 5.30. W. fine did housework and dairy work. read for the children in the eve, retired about 9.30. this a.m. at 5. minutes past 1. oclock Sister Eliza R. Snow Smith died.

Tue 6th arose about 6. W. fine spent the day in coloring, spent the eve in reading. Nephi and George are gone to Mutual association. George and Katie started to school yester day Nephi started to day retired about 10

Wed 7th arose about 6. W. fine, did housework and coloring pressing a.m. About 12.30 went to the funeral of Sister Eliza R. Snow Smith. The Assembly Hall was beutifully draped in white and green, the drapeings are the property of the 15th Ward and we felt rather proud of it. The floral offerings by the Relief Society and Sisters Barret and Jennings were most beautifuul. The spearers were Prest A.M. Cannon Joseph C. Kingsburry Elder J.B. Nobles Jacob Gates Apostle J.W. Taylor Elder Milo Andrus Elder John Nickolson Bishop O.F. Whitney. Apostle Heber J. Grant and Prest A.M. Cannon We followed the remains to Prest Youn[g]s grave yard. We transacted business in town called on Sister Clawson Called on Addie on my way home, Bros David Edward and F.W. Morgan retired about 10.

~~*Fri 9th* arose about 6.~~ *Thu 8th* arose about 6. W. fine a shower of snow about noon. did housework and a good deal of cleaning. Retired about 9. sadly tired

Fri 9th arose about 6. W. fine feel sick with fatigue. Did housework and sewing and attended Primary Did repairing in the eve retired about 11.

Sat 10th arose about 6.30. snow a.m. fine p.m. attended Primary Conference a.m. transacted business in town called on Mrs Clawson also Addie. spent the eve in sewing cleaning and cooking retired about 11.

Sun 11th arose about 6.30. W. fine attended to home affairs. went to Sunday Schoo a.m. attended Teachers meeting till one oclock. at 2.

oclock met a class of little Primary Girls dismissed about 4. rested in the eve though wanted to go to meeting the speakers were J.V. Long and Dr. Clinton Bp Pollard. retired about 10.

Mon 12th arose before 6. a.m. cloudy, snow p.m. Did housework and cleaning, and began housecleaning; did repairing in the eve Nephi and George spent the eve with Addie Sister Rhodes called, retired after 10.

Tue 13th arose about 7. snow on the ground W. fine attended to home affairs and continued housecleaning, Lilley Jenkins was buried to day. ~~Did~~ retired after 10.

Wed 14 arose at 6. W. fine and frosty, performed home duties and continued housecleaning. Sister Rhodes called. We retired about 11.

Thu 15th arose about 7. attended to home affairs and did more housecleaning. W. fine and frosty. Sister Rhodes called. retired after 10.

Fri 16th arose soon after 6. W. fine and frosty performed home duties and did a good of housecleaning, and ironing retired after 11.

Sat 17th arose about 7. W. fine and frosty. Did housecleaning all day Bro George Price Sen called also Sister Rhodes. W retired about 11.

Sun 18th arose about 7. a.m. fine snow and very cold p.m. Attended Sunday S. a.m. Tabernacle p.m. the speaker were Elder Wm N. Anderson Called on Addie Met my Sister there. Stayed the evening to care for the babes While Addie went to meeting. Mr John Cannon called and his Cousin Mammie had a peasant chat with them taught a class while in S.S. taught and questioned on Church History. Retired about 10.30.

Mon 19th arose soon after 5. W. fine s-fresh snow on the ground. attended to home affairs and did more housecleaning. Aunt Nett came home this a.m. still lame and not strong. We retired after 10. sadly tired.

Tue 20th arose about 7. W. fine with very keen frost did housework and more housecleaning. Transacted business in town called on Addie retired about 11.

Wed 21st arose before 6. W. fine and very cold. spent most of the day in washing. Sister Rhodes called wrote up my Journal this eve and accnts Nephi and George have gone skating this eve with Georg's S.S. teacher. Retired about 12.

Thu 22nd arose about 7.30 feeling very tired. fresh snow on the ground; a.m. cloudy, p.m. fine but frosty. Did housework and cleaning, and more housecleaning. some ironing. Bro F.W. Morgan called this eve, Sister Rhodes this p.m. This eve accompanied by my little George. took comforts to my Neice Mrs Aggie Ridges found her well and cheerful. retired about 11.30.

Fri 23rd arose about 6.30. W. quite cold spent most of the day in cleaning. did ironing in the eve retired about 12.

Sat 24th arose about 7.30. W. Milder spent the day in cleaning and fiting up; home looks cosey and pleasant new feel paid for my long and hard labour. Retired after 1. sick with fatigue.

Sun 25th arose about 6.30. fresh snow on the ground. Attended to home affairs also Sunday S. Tabernacle p.m. Bp O.F. Whitney delivered a grand discourse on the birth and salvation of Christ The Music was also grand. went to Ward meeting in the eve. Recived presents and Christmass cards from my Children and Grandchildren. Wrote a note and sent my Photograph with it. Nephi and George have gone out with the Glee Club set up most of the night expecting them home, went to rest about 4. oclock in the morning

Mon 26th arose about 7.30. feel sick with fatigue spent a.m. in cooking rested p.m. a.m. mild snow storm p.m. Effie and family called and took me up to Addies in the Sleigh. Retired about 11.

Tue 27th arose about 6. W. cold. Did housework and dairy work and began preparations for company tomorrow, rested and read in the eve, retired about 11.

Wed 28th arose about 6.30. W. fine and mild. Assisted by Aunt Nett prepared supper for about 40 or 50. the following guests honored us with their company Sister Sarah M. Cannon, son John daughters Annie and Nora. Sister Amanda Cannon, and daughter Mary. Sister Clara, Cannon and daughter Alice. My daughter Effie and Husband and sons Eddie, Elias, Marvin and Ramond My daughter Addie and Husband and daughter Addie and son Georgie. My Neic Aggie Ridges and family. We had a pleasant time retired about 9.30. very very tired. Mrs Gelett called to see Aunt Nett.

Thu 29th arose about 6.30. W. mild and cloudy spent the day puting matters to rights after company. my dear friend Mrs Lidia Clawson called. Retired about 9.30.

Fri 30th arose about 6.30. fresh snow on the ground; there was a dreadful storm last night about 10.30. hail, wind, thunder and lightening. Did housework and ironing. Miss Eliza Lunn of St George called this p.m. retired about 11.

Sat 31st arose before 7. snow falling some today plenty packed on the ground. Spent a.m. in cleaning. p.m. attended 14th Ward meeting had a pleasant time Sister B.W. Smith presideing. was called upon to speak. felt happy in meeting with my Sisters. Mentioned that 15. years ago this X.Mass my Husband took one or two of his teams and men and went around the Ward and gathered provisions for the poor of the ward. And that now the Costom has s spread to all the wards in the City. or nearly so. Also spoke in favour of plural Marraige. Transacted business in Town; also called on Mrs Lidia Clawson. came home before dark, and related part of my lifes history to sons Nephi and George. Retired about 10. Eward L. Parry called early this a.m. to see Aunt Nett.

EPILOGUE



Courtesy of Jack and Mary Lois Wheatley

*Painting of Mary Lois Morris by Lewis A.
Ramsey, a Utah artist, 1908.*

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Exile in Mexico

[The following is Mary Lois Morris's account in her memoir of accompanying her daughter Kate, a polygamous wife, on the underground in Mexico from 1902 to 1905. This section has been included as an epilogue because it shows Mary Lois's attitude toward polygamy in her later years and records an especially significant time of growth and exploration in her life. This portion of Mary Lois's memoir also provides a highly articulate account of the Mormon colonies in Mexico during this period.]

Exile

About this time I was advised, if able, to go into exile with my daughter. This I was willing to do and would have gone to prison also, rather than betray my brethren or bear witness against them. I left home in a hurry as most people do when taking flight. It was on a Saturday and my little grand-daughter Effie came and did my kitchen work while I packed, although the dear child did not know that I was thus engaged. I had many matters to attend to and it was 3 a.m. before I could retire to rest. Two hours later, I arose and it was still dark when I arrived at the depot to board the train. I did not know whether I should ever see my home or my children again. Anything rather than betray my brethren.

I reached my journey's end about 1 o'clock. My daughter was surprised to see me, knowing nothing of our intended trip for which we had only a day and a half to prepare. There was a great washing to be done and the weather was very severe. Everything had to be dried in the house, but I undertook to see to this part and soon had the clothes hanging upstairs, downstairs, and everywhere. When we came to start a lady friend was to carry our darling baby and I was to go with her and the mamma to follow after. There was a certain minister who boarded the train before it started and again when it started so as to see who was on board. A little later he came and stood square in the car door and actually talked to the man who had us in charge. There was a lady on board the train with whom I was acquainted, but whether she knew me or not she did not come and speak to me. My daughter was sitting opposite to me as a stranger might do, and wore a white fascinator, which perhaps disguised her. We were in misery, suffering almost mental agony with fear of detection. After a

while, at one of the stations, the minister stepped off and we breathed a little easier. Now we neared a city where there was a large station. In this place dwelt some of our relatives and we were again in terror in case we should see them and be recognized. We were glad that they were not at the depot, although we loved them very dearly. Dear Baby did not make a sound, and did not know that she was being carried to a far country in her mother's arms. Oh, how thankful we were that she did not cry, and felt that our Heavenly Father was very merciful to us.

Now, we arrived in Salt Lake, and additional dread came upon us. We changed cars and were put in an elegant Pullman where there was but one couple besides ourselves, but alas, had soon to change cars again. Still we were not detected. While comfortably seated in this car a person, came up to us and made himself rather familiar, as I thought, causing a feeling of indignation to arise in my breast; for I very much dislike undue familiarity in anyone. As we engaged in further conversation, however, I discovered that he was a staunch Latter-Day-Saint and was informed that he came as our guardian to a foreign country, and I accepted him as a good shepherd.

Now we traversed the plains of Colorado and enjoyed the beauties of the Grand Canon and the Royal Gorge, following the Scenic Route all the way.

Arrived in the city of Pueblo, we found we had to wait an hour and a half, during which time our friend and guide took us through the city and back across the River Arkansas on the street car, and afterwards to lunch. At 1:30 we boarded the Pullman again for Delheart, Texas, and settled down about 2:30 a.m. with the moon shining through the window of our little berth, thankful to be quiet for a few hours.

The following morning, at 10:30 we reached New Mexico and traversed the plains of Texas, landing at Delheart about 2 p.m.

While here an old lady accosted me and would like to have been made acquainted with my business, as people will do sometimes, when traveling, but I was not at all inclined to satisfy her curiosity, but busied myself writing up my journal. About 9:30 we boarded the train for El Paso, and about 11 settled down in a comfortable berth in which we enjoyed more air than we had been able to get upon the previous night. The next night we could not get a berth and when the morning came I was much mortified upon being awakened from a drowsy sleep to see other passengers come on board the train looking so bright and fresh while our hair was disheveled and our clothing covered with dust.

About 1 o'clock we reached El Paso and took comfortable quarters, but there was no fire except in a sort of general room or hall. It was raining, but I kept my precious baby warmly wrapped up in a shawl while I read "Evangeline", her mother meanwhile was transacting some business

and seeing some places of interest across the line. The first chance I had I dedicated our room to the Lord. Our company had been augmented by this time and we had agreeable companionship. In the evening I went to see a play entitled "A Poor Relation". Upon returning I became dreadfully frightened because I could get no answer from my daughter when I knocked at the door. I knew that the poor child was dreadfully fatigued but was not prepared for an event of this kind. So I asked a brother and his wife who were in our party to go and open the bed-room window and call louder, and she awoke, to my great relief.

The next day it was still raining and I missed my cheerful fire at home, but managed to keep baby warm while her mamma went also to see the play "A Poor Relation". in which there was some very good acting.

The next day it was again wet and miserably cold but as Sunday is the day for pleasure and also a great day for business, and as this was my only chance to buy some drawn work which I wanted for Xmas presents, I in company with one of the sisters, went over the border to do a little shopping. We visited a number of stores and saw a great quantity of drawn work of different grades. One of the pieces was worth \$150.00 and took an expert hand a year to make. There was also a great amount of silk shawls, filigree work, shell work, etc. The sister said that this was a very wicked place and I certainly seemed to feel a strange influence as I went from store to store. This feeling of Oppression seemed to weigh me down, mind and body. Upon reaching home, even, I could not escape from it, for it seemed to have followed me. I proposed that we have evening prayer. Just then our Good Shepherd, as we called our faithful guide and companion, happened to come in and he knelt with us, asking that this influence might be removed, and it was, and peace abode with us.

The next day we continued our journey, starting off very early as we had a long way to walk and carry our things, and might be detained at the Custom House. We boarded the train which was to take us as far as Colonia Dublan about 9 a.m. I was not feeling very well, having slipped while taking a bath upon the previous day and hurt my side. Besides, having a cold, my lungs hurt me.

We had pleasant company during the journey, having met a Bro. D. H. Harris who had visited in Utah and stayed at the home of my daughter Addie. We also met a Bro. Boman, a merchant of Dublan. About 6 a.m. we arrived in that city, staying at the home of our relatives Pres. Heleman Pratt and his cultured family. We found Aunt Dora to be suffering from Rheumatism and confined to her bed.

I also visited Mrs. Victoria Pratt, whom I had not seen for many years and later in the day Dora's daughter Irene played and sang very sweetly for us, and by special request I sang some of the old love songs that I had

sung in my youth. I also met a Bro. Anson Call who had been a companion of your brother Nephi while he was upon his foreign mission.

We should no doubt have enjoyed a longer visit with our friends here but the weather was a little stormy and as there was fear that the river, which we must cross, was rising and might become dangerous, we were advised to get ready and continue our journey to Colonia Juarez.

About 11 a.m. we were seated in a good conveyance with a fine team and a careful driver. The ride of about eighteen miles was quite pleasant with exception of a little anxiety with regard to the river. Our driver's conversation ran on our religion and many marvelous things were related thereto. During this drive over the mountains and plains of Old Mexico we saw, for the first time, bunches of mistletoe clinging to other trees as parasites until they kill the tree that feeds them. We crossed branches of the river several times and when we reached the main crossing, where there was the greatest danger, we crossed that also in safety. The scenery was beautiful, but when we drew to our journey's end we thought it still more lovely. The mountains seemed smoother and the valleys prettier and when we saw the settlement with its little homes nestling beneath the mountains, surrounded by orchards, we thought that the prettiest scene of all. As we drove along the quiet streets we saw some nice little houses and found that many of them were owned by our friends. It was about 4 p.m. when we reached our journey's end tired, but with thankful hearts.

The house in which we were to make our home was a two story brick structure comfortably furnished and neatly kept. The lady who had owned it was anxious to break up housekeeping and offered to sell some furniture, piano included. She also brought us in some provisions to make us a good meal.

In the evening our dear friend Bishop Bently called to welcome us. Also, a little later, Apostle John W. Taylor. We much appreciated their visit. We also appreciated the quiet of this little pocket in the mountains where no odor or tobacco befouled the air and no word of profanity was heard and we were not in terror every minute, that the officers of the law would coke and carry us off to prison for obeying a higher law than their own. Another great advantage, we were under the shadow of the Stake Academy.

We soon began to fix up the rooms we were to occupy, our Good Shepherd rendering what assistance he could, putting up stoves while other friends helped to fit and sew carpets, etc. Our kitchen was dark, with only one higher window with small panes of glass, bare floor, but a good stove and some very common chairs for which we paid a high price. Our window faced east, but no ray of sunlight entered the room. It is said that the settlement of Juarez is not laid out strictly to the cardinal points owing to the peculiar position of the canyons, so strange to say, the only

spot touched by the sunlight was the clock. Our bedroom was very light and pleasant, but we could not put up the bedstead for some time owing to the fact that some slats were needed, so we had to make our bed upon the floor, having two good mattresses, but it was hard for me to stoop to make the bed. To enter our bedroom we had to cross a shed and the corner of Sister Jack's living room. It was quite a trial to me to be obliged to intrude upon her privacy although she was very kind and polite about it. From our windows we could see the mountains which seemed like a protecting arm around us and reminded us of home.

Across the street south was a pretty frame house painted in a nice shade of green with buff trimmings. Flowering vines covered the porch and shade trees grew on each side of the path from the gate to the house, and here stood the Mexican "olla" or drinking jar with its hospitable cup near, offering refreshment to all who desired it. In this pretty home lived a dear friend of your Uncle Charles, Sister Deseret Eyring of St. George, whose husband, Bro. Henry Eyring was one of the leading men of St. George and also of Colonia Juarez, and was the very essence of honor Uprightness and integrity to God and his cause. His wife was acquainted with your Cousin Zaidee, in her childhood and with your brother George M. Cannon when he was an infant, he having been born in St. George. It was her excellent son who helped us in our emergency.

The following Sunday, at the afternoon meeting I was struck with the number of children present, and wondered if the spirit of the meeting would not be marred by the hum of baby voices, which caused a confusion in my opinion, but soon found that the presence of these precious jewels was no detriment at all to the flow of the Spirit of God.

At this meeting I met Sister Annie Wride Harris and Sister Fannie Hawley Lewis. The latter, when I last saw her was a little curley headed, rosy cheeked Fannie Hawley and it seemed good to meet them in a foreign land. On returning home Sister Gladys Bently invited me to go for a drive with her around the settlement, which I much appreciated. When I had last met her she was a beautiful little blonde maiden, Gladys Woodmansee, president of the Primary Association of the 20th Ward and now the honored wife of our dear friend Bishop Bently.

Although it was winter the sun was constantly shining so I made two sun-bonnets out of a piece of old sheeting, with paper slats inserted to stiffen them. Being a milliner by trade I had not forgotten how to do such things and one I made for Baby particularly was considered very cute. I also made another for a Xmas present for Baby Jasamine from a piece of clean white flour sack, but it was neat and as becoming as the one made for our own baby, and pronounced very cute by her parents. Aunt Margaret said she would have her picture taken in it as a souvenir of our first Christmas in Mexico.

Christmas in Mexico

The day before Christmas I was very busy preparing for the feast, for Aunt Margaret's family and our own were to celebrate the day together. I cleaned and prepared the turkey and made a plum pudding. On Xmas morning as the pudding was boiling merrily upon the stove, I was invited to see the Christmas tree and the presents. My daughter Kate was delighted with the piece of drawn work which I had purchased for her during my stay in El Paso and I presented my baby with a rubber rattle and little Jasmine with the sun bonnet before mentioned and being a very pretty baby she looked sweet in it. My daughter Kate gave me a rocking chair and Kenneth and Clyde presented me with a little mirror three by four inches in size; an acceptable gift, as I had none by which to make my toilet. Think of it! Little Miss Marguerette gave me an orange and some nuts and apples and she also bought two little pin trays which she gave to babies Catherine and Jasmine to present to their mothers, a thoughtful act which brought tears to my eyes. Aunt Margaret gave me three white soup plates with gold edges. There were some Christmas gifts which my sons had put in our trunks for us, but our luggage had been delayed and had not yet arrived.

During the morning, our friend Mrs. Lillian H. Cannon called and brought me a beautiful handkerchief ornamented by her own deft fingers. She also brought a bunch of mistletoe. So much kindness helped us to bear the separation from our loved ones at home, but filled my heart with emotion.

Leaving our friends chatting I went into the kitchen and made a large batch of ginger snaps for the little ones, while the odor of the roast turkey and fine cabbage sent forth appetizing odors from Aunt Margaret's room. At three o'clock we were seated in Aunt Margaret's little low Mexican chairs around her little low Mexican table loaded with an excellent repast. The turkey was perfectly cooked and was delicious in spite of the fact that no onions could be procured for the dressing, and although there were no cranberries, some excellent plum jelly was not a whit behind them in taste.

During the afternoon, little Miss Exora, daughter of our friend Mrs. Bently, called to see us and was invited to eat gingersnaps, and telling her mother later of this little enjoyment, the next morning Sister Bently sent me a loving Christmas card, which touched my heart in its finest fibers being a stranger in a strange land. It occurred to me that the card might have been the only one in the settlement and it is now safely placed in my box of treasures. We spent the evening pleasantly in Aunt Margaret's cozy parlor and before separating, Margaret read a portion from the Book of St. Matthew and then we had prayers and so ended our first Xmas in Old Mexico.

I Study the Spanish Language

I felt an earnest desire to learn the Spanish Language so on the last day of the year I, with six others, took our first lesson in that interesting study, our teacher being a Brother Maurique Gonzales of the Juarez Academy and a pure Lamanite. He was a very young man, only about 20 years old, rather undersized with very thick black hair, well kept, brown eyes and of pleasant deportment. His history was quite interesting he having been moved upon to come to the Colonies by a power he knew not of. After a while he returned to his home, many hundred miles away, but soon came back. It seemed to him the right course to pursue. He was very anxious to learn the English Language and was determined to accomplish it. He must have been about seventeen years old when he cast his lot with the Saints. He had to depend upon the labor of his hands for his daily bread; his clothing, however meager must come from the same source; also the means to pay for his schooling. The learning of three very important matters confronted him before he would be of much service to the people with whom he had chosen to dwell. First, he must learn the English Language; second, the principles of the Gospel; and third, have a desire to serve God in all things in order to be able to endure the privations of pioneer life. The English Language he had acquired by study at the Academy and by association with the people; the principles of the Gospel he had also learned at the same place, and his utter dependence upon the Supreme Being for his daily needs increased his faith day by day and made the hardships of Pioneer life bring him each day into closer fellowship with his brethren and sisters. He also enjoyed the privilege of associating with such men as Anthony W. Ivins, president of the whole Stake of Juarez, Guy C. Wilson, of the Juarez Stake Academy, and Bishop Joseph C. Bently of Colonia Juarez. These influential brethren did all in their power to obtain employment for him, and almost before he was prepared to do so he began to teach the Spanish Language at the Academy. A little incident will serve to show how well he had learned the principles of the Gospel;

When we first began to study we held our class in the evening and noticed that our young teacher liked to linger and talk with us after the class was over. One evening I asked him how to spell "coffee" in Spanish. He looked at me with an anxious expression on his face, and said, "You must not use coffee". While I smiled at his anxiety, I admired his integrity and told him I had ceased the use of tea and coffee before he had had an existence. He seemed to have as clear an understanding of the principles of the Gospel as if he had been born and reared amongst us. We considered him a man of destiny, he may achieve distinction and be able to promote the welfare of his people in the legislative halls of their nation.

We used the "Combined Spanish and English Method", by Alberto de Tornos and the First Spanish Reader of the Wormans Modern Language Series. There was a great deal of hard work in our studies, but we were not afraid of that.

Ever since there had been a school established, taught and controlled by the Latter-Day-Saints, I had felt a great desire to attend it, more especially to learn their method of teaching Theology, and now that the Stake Academy was situated but a block away from our residence I resolved to see what I could do. So one evening after our Spanish class I ventured to ask our teacher what he thought the fee would be to take Theology alone. He very pleasantly answered that it would be nothing. I thought that was rather strange. As the term for the new year was just starting, I resolved not to lose the opportunity that presented itself. I was received in the kindest manner by, President Guy C. Wilson, who conducted the class, and found that they were studying the Book of Doctrine and Covenants. I was glad of this, as I had not studied this book to any great extent and I applied myself to the task with a great deal of pleasure. My happiness was increased, as upon further attendance I found how much of the Spirit of God was there. This is the difference in studying Theology as we read and pass along in life, and studying it in a class that is opened and closed with prayer, where appropriate music is sung and the teacher gives his instruction by the gift and power of God. Bro. Wilson, besides being all that could be desired mentally and spiritually, was one of the ablest teachers of the day, had had an experience in the missionary field, and a personal knowledge of things in general which made his services invaluable as Principal of the Academy and instructor of a class of young people. He treated me with the greatest respect, placing a chair for me near his desk so that I could sit in view of all the class and when a question was asked that the younger students were unable to answer, I felt at liberty to raise my hand in response. I had lived in the Church the greater part of its existence and was a witness of many of its important events when I was a mere child, having been born in the same year that the first quorum of the apostles was ordained.

We had bought dinner plates with the Nauvoo Temple printed upon them and around the rim of these plates were printed the names of these apostles, also the names of the first presidency of the Church at the time of President Young's incumbency. The names of the presiding officers of the church were placed over the spires of the temple and the names of the apostles around the rim. I was able to relate many such little incidents which seemed to interest the class.

One day in the latter part of the month of February we, my daughter Kate and I, received an invitation to dine at President Ivin's home. Among other invited guests were Sister Peart and Apostle John W. Taylor

and his family, all Pilgrims down there for the winter. The house was very much like the beautiful home of my daughter Addie at Forest Dale, and left nothing to be desired. The dinner was elegantly served, one of the courses being wild turkey, captured by the celebrated hunter, our gracious host. A pleasant evening followed, during which time a man of God prophesied and blessed each of us. To me he said;—"You shall live many years and do a work in the Temple which your husband is preparing for you. Times shall so change that you can go the distance in a night and a day," and he closed by speaking in a complimentary manner of my children and spoke many encouraging words to me. He also prophesied that President Ivins would become an apostle! This man of God took us home in his conveyance while President Ivins, lantern in hand, escorted the rest of the party to their homes. Sister Ivins also did all in her power to make us happy. I always feel when I see her that I must put my arms around her because she so much resembles her dear father, Apostle Erastus Snow. Her mother, although about eighty years of age, is also a charming woman.

About a month later we spent another very pleasant evening at the home of Sister Eunice Harris. There were a number of distinguished guests there also and we spent a pleasant time singing the songs of Zion and listening to remarks by the brethren in authority. A man high in the Church prophesied concerning Bro. Harris and gave a beautiful blessing to Sister Ivins who was not in good health. Refreshments were served, the white bread and butter being not the least delicious part of it for we were without butter from March until June and only had dark musty flour, paying a high price even for that to make bread of.

On the 17th of March, at the opening of our Theological Class, our teacher excused himself as he had to attend to another department, and asked me to take charge of the class during his absence. I wished to decline in favor of one of the other students, but he would not accept the position. I did not attempt to instruct the class in the lesson assigned for the day, but bore a strong testimony to the class that there was no safety or real happiness except in yielding strict obedience to those placed in authority over us. I related incidents showing how the Lord will help those who rely on Him. I urged the class never to fail to respond to calls made upon them by those in authority and showed the evils that result from failing to do so. I also spoke upon the evils of waltzing.

Later that day, at our Spanish Class, our young teacher, Bro. Maurice Gonzales related a dream he had had concerning me. It was as follows:—"I dreamed that I was at my home at Bishop Bently's and that Sister Mary L. Morris came to see us. It seemed that I said to her,—'Sister Morris, I want to give you a blessing'. She asked, 'Have you the authority to do so?' I answered, 'I have not as much of the Priesthood as I would wish, but think I have enough to give you a blessing.'" She answered,— "Then

you may do so'. Then I placed my hands upon her head and said;— 'In the name of the Lord, and by the priesthood I hold, I give you a blessing. The Lord has a purpose in your coming here to Mexico, and he is well pleased with your labors in the past, and he will help you to acquire and understand the Spanish language. You will preach the Gospel to the natives in many ways. There are many ways in which you can do this, both in precept and by example. And I do this in the name of Jesus, Amen.'

I noticed that he was very happy in speaking of the above dream and the happy influence seemed to remain with him as the days rolled on.

As the spring advanced we found that there were terrific winds. The sky would sometimes be as clear as upon a frosty starlit night at home, when suddenly the wind would rise and blow so hard that your wraps would be blown over your head, while your veil would leave you forever. A thin fascinator over the face was the only protection from the flying drifting sands.

On the evening of the day of our arrival I had accompanied one of the little boys to a neighbor's well, about a block away, to fetch some drinking water, and wondered how a path so near to the center of town should be so little trodden, but my next trip, in daylight, revealed the fact that we had settled in a sandy locality. In passing the corner west of us, I was vividly reminded of my five hundred mile walk along the banks of the Platt River in crossing the plains, for when the wind would be raging at this corner, the sand would be heaped up as in a snow drift, but the wading through it would be much heavier. While this was going on outside, inside, with doors and windows tightly closed, everything would be covered thickly with brown dust, even the floors would be covered. Upstairs in our bedroom the same condition existed. At Aunt Margaret's parlor door, the sand had to be shoveled out after the storm was over. This would continue for three days at a time sometimes. At the Academy the desks, benches and floors were in the same condition and the leaves of the books filled with sand.

Once I read of a country where the wind blew at such a fearful rate that the sand would find its way into the dinner pot and into the works of a watch you were carrying, and have come to the conclusion that this country was the one referred to. Accompanying this excessive sand were myriads of ants. Here is a poem I wrote upon this subject;—

Ants

There are ants on the windows and ants on the floors
There are ants on the tables and ants out of doors;—
The ants out of doors are of wonderful size
At a casual glance you'd mistake them for flies.

There are ants in the butter and ants in the cream
In molasses and sugar they also are seen
There are ants on the pie crust, when perchance you have any,
And when you have meat, oh, my, there are many.

They eat it like so many ravenous beasts
And hold high carnival over their feasts;
They eat it, and eat it, yes, right to the bone
And never let go till the owner has come.

We duck it, and duck it, right into the water
Till among these smart ants there has been quite a slaughter
We pick it and pick it until we tire,
And then feel like throwing the rest in the fire.

And when, of an evening, we sit down to write,
Here they come running, right under the light,
With a gnat they are carrying, right under the lamp
or a piece of a fly, over letter or stamp.

Then while we're writing, and thinking ahead,
They've cleared gnats from the table and gone off to bed.
Upstairs we find others, of daintier form,
On our beds and our pillows, but they do us no harm.

We've a lot of dried apples outside of the door
And, with tight lid, and good latch, we thought, they're secure.
But here come the ants, with the greatest of ease
And roam o'er our food and do as they please.

In one lady's cupboard are thousands of pairs
And some in the parlor, and plenty upstairs,
To control these pests she is really unable
So sets her raw meat right square on the table!

There was one place we thought would be pretty secure,
It was on our high window, in front of the door,
But this very morning, our hopes proved all vain,
For up the white curtain marched the triumphant train.

One evening, while sitting at the table to write
An ant caught a fly, but she put him to flight;—
So we see by this little incident here
That sometimes the victor has the victim to fear.

May 9, 1903

While the house in which we were living was undergoing some repair, a flight of stairs had been put in the yard outside near the fence which divided our house from the canal. Here, with my precious baby in my arms, I would often sit and read or write or study, and these few lines express some of my feelings when thinking of these times;—

Those Dear Old Stairs.
Dedicated to my dear little Catherine

I sat on those steps at the close of the day
When my heart would often wander
To dear ones, now so far away,
Of whom I loved to ponder.

Could we but see them at the door,
Or hear their much loved voice
Or clasp their hands, as we did before,
How would our hearts rejoice!

These steps were here by the merest chance
Well, just to be out of the way.
But to me a boon, so far in advance
Of bare ground, at the close of the day.

The house was undergoing repairs
Being made more roomy and good,
So they lifted out these ancient stairs,
Putting new ones where they had stood.

These stairs were painted in color buff,
Numbering five times three;—
To reach the top was quite enough
For dear little baby and me.

These steps were reared at the eastern fence
On the clearest part of the lot;—
The passer by need not come nigh
This dedicated spot.

There was not a sign of a shady tree
O'er the place where I wanted to think,
With my precious baby on my knee
Where the kine came trooping to drink.

She was very patient and very good
Though her little heart was yearning,
Wishing and wishing her mother would
Sometime that way be turning.

The eastern mountains loomed up high
As we sat on these dear old stairs,
A sluggish stream moved slowly by
Like one who knew no cares.

To our face was the grandest of all grand views,
Where the sun, on his way to rest
Shed his gorgeous rays of a thousand hues
From the mountain's golden crest.

I sat on these steps for many an hour
With paper and pencil in hand;—
Sometimes the Muse would have full power,
At others, for facts I stand.

And if I were asked for a sketch or so
For some particular time,
Out to these good old steps I'd go
To drill on my new-born rhyme.

With steps and my baby all to myself,
As the cow goes leisurely by,
Lashing her tail, or licking herself;—
But never a fear had I.

For a fence enclosed these good old stairs
And the house where they long had stood.
There were trees outside, to the owner's pride
And an orchard, very good.

I would spend on my Spanish full four hours long;
My Mexican History, too,
My Theological work, I had no wish to shirk
My Church History was pleasant, as true.

I sang for my baby the songs of yore
As I wooed her to peaceful rest
And the sun went down, as he had before,
'Neath the mountain's rosy crest.

And I thought as I sat on these kindly stairs
Narrow and steep though they be;—
How is it the Master, with his million cares,
Has considered a worm like me?

The climate was a good deal milder than in Utah, and in February the almond trees were in full bloom and the flies as bad as they are in the Fall at home. I remember in the month of December, when returning from meeting at 4 p.m. feeling the sun uncomfortably warm. As the season advanced and the land became dry, the water being low teemed with animal life. Myriads of little insects, called "skaters" darting across the surface at lightning speed. If I must eat animals I prefer to eat them cooked and that is what careful people did by boiling every drop of water intended for drinking purposes. At other times when the water was high, the quality was unsurpassed.

Towards the close of the Academic year President Wilson our teacher, told us that it would not be possible for us to complete the study of the entire Book of Doctrine and Covenants and asked the class if they had any suggestions to offer. As I was taking only a few studies I concluded that I could go over the book, take notes of the more important parts and report to the class. Our Principal approved the proposition, so I had the privilege of reading the book of Doctrine and Covenants through and of making careful note of the contents of the same. This benefited me and rendered a little assistance to the class also.

I had also discovered a way of paying for my tuition. I found that the poor but worthy saints of the community had covenanted to pay two per cent of their income towards the support of this invaluable institution of

learning in order to provide education for the young. In availing myself of this privilege I took great pleasure in doing this and anything else in which these good saints were interested.

On the 5th of May the Mexican holiday, "El cinco de Mayo" was celebrated. A rainstorm prevented the celebration being held in the Park as intended. The auditorium however was packed and my friend Mrs. Bently delivered the oration in a most pleasing manner. She was followed by a native gentleman and afterwards by President Ivins. Then followed the balloting for the "Queen of May" which was very interesting. With each ballot one was supposed to drop in the box a small coin to help defray the expenses of the celebration. Roses being in fullbloom the throne upon which the chosen lady sat was beautifully decorated with a profusion of flowers and all went off with joy, peace and good feeling.

I had greatly enjoyed attending the closing exercises at the Academy and on the 6th of May we attended the Alumni Banquet, which was an occasion long to be remembered. That sweet loving influence which pervades all the institutions of learning in the Church was no less in evidence here. We were treated in the kindest and most respectful manner and later in the evening I was called upon to make a speech in behalf of my Pilgrim Sisters. My brief response was an expression of appreciation of the kindness shown us, our sense of the value of the Academy to the community, both educationally and spiritually. As a compliment, they afterwards made us members of the Alumni Association.

On the 14th of this month I celebrated my sixty-seventh birthday. It was anything but a joyous day for me. Our precious baby was not well and the elders were called in to administer to her. My own health had not been good during all my sojourn in this far off land, and today especially, I missed the companionship of my dear sons and the visits that my daughters, with their little ones, were wont to make upon my natal day, bringing some token of love in their hands. Still I felt thankful for the presence of the two I had with me, whom I loved so well, and also that in spite of trials I had been enabled to keep the faith which was dearer to me than life.

A day or two later a Peace Meeting was to be held here, as in nearly every town in the United States and in Europe also. I was asked by Sister Gladys Bently and Sister Eunice Harris to give some Peace sentiments. I responded by giving quotations from the revelation by the Prophet Joseph Smith given on the subject of the Revolutionary War.

At this time we were making preparations to take a trip to El Paso, the principal matter of business being to get me a set of teeth. I had had my mouth prepared while in Salt Lake by having my teeth extracted and the gums were now hardened and my mouth in condition to be fitted. Think of going more than a hundred miles over dry dusty plains to get a set of teeth! We started at 4 a.m. and had pleasant company, Bro Guy C.

Wilson, Sister Ivins and her daughters, My daughter Kate and Baby. While there we had the baby photographed, getting a good picture, and I got my teeth. After we had board the train I put a piece of banana into my mouth and experienced the strangest sensation, knowing no more what to do with it than a cat might with an astronomical instrument. But practice makes perfect and after a time my teeth were a comfort to me.

Upon my return home I found a parcel awaiting me, two beautiful books from my sons Nephi and George Q. a dainty handkerchief from my daughter Effie, and other presents from my daughter Addie. These gifts and the loving words contained in their letters cheered our hearts and we retired to rest with weary bodies but very happy.

Soon afterwards, perhapd from the fatigue of the journey I became very sick with afever. Your sister did all that was in her power to help me, but one night my throat was so sore that I was afraid to go to bed. After due consideration of our circumstances, concluded to administer to myself. I did it as if doing so for another person, asking my Heavenly Father to acknowledge it, and He did, for the next morning there was no more trouble with my throat.

During my illness Bishop Bently called and asked me to accompany him and a party to Colonia Diez to attend a conference. I regretted being unable to go.

A few days later we entertained about twenty-four guests in our home, Apostle M. F. Cowley, Louis C. Kelsch, Bishop J. C. Bently and family, and President Ivins and his wife. Before dispersing we held a lovely little cottage meeting and many comforting words were said. Often my heart yearns for a return of those days, although fraught with many trials. The love that was within me for those people cannot be expressed, and it was reciprocated;—it seemed an eternal bond of love that cannot be severed.

During the same month we also entertained Mrs. Fanny Harper and little Ida, Mrs. Lillian H. Cannon and little Marba (named for her father Abram by reversing the letters) Mrs. Fanny Lewis and Mrs. Hester Lewis and little girls, Mrs. Guy C. Wilson, Mrs. Dessie Eyring and daughter, and the Misses Anna Ivins and Mable Stevens.

In June, I opened afree class to teach little girls the art of plain sewing, and although it was raining we had a good turnout, and the girls were so much interested in their work that it was 6 o'clock before we separated.

The house in which we were living was undergoing some repairs, so that it became necessary for us to move to the hotel. Our host was a thorough Latter Day Saint, handsome, energetic and genial in spite of his advanced years and his wife, our hostess, a daughter of Isaiah M. Coombs a gentleman whose acquaintance I had formed forty years previously.

Their little daughter is as kind as her parents and is, like her mother, very much in love with our baby. When the school year opened it became necessary to close the sewing classes. I had one little class composed of native children and upon the closing day I suggested that one of the larger girls, who had attended the class for some time, might give further instruction to one bright little girl of five, but she very emphatically replied, "No, yo caro la signora!" (I want the lady!) She did not want to be taught by another girl, but by the teacher or "Madam"

On the 24th of July the committee on arrangements asked me to give patriotic sentiments. In compliance with this request, I replied very briefly, and in referring to the wonderful faith exhibited by the pioneers of the 1847 related an incident in my own experience. I went to the meeting trusting in God, and he did not fail me and I was happy in having done my duty.

Quarterly Conference was approaching and as we thought it prudent not to meet some of our friends from Salt Lake, we went to pay a visit to some friends who had frequently extended an invitation for us to do so. A week later Bishop Bently called on us to bring a telegram from my son Nephi telling us to be in El Paso the following Sunday. Upon our return to the hotel all were glad to see us, even poor old Jeff, the faithful watchdog, who came out wagging his tail and giving short barks of joyous welcome.

While in El Paso we visited the smelters and noticed that the country along the road had the appearance of having been convulsed at some time and I believe it occurred at the crucifixion of our Redeemer. The weather was so warm that while merely holding baby in the cool of the evening, perspiration would drop from my face. After a visit of two or three days in El Paso we went on to Mexico City, the capital of the Republic. When we had passed through the Custom House and were comfortably seated in the cars we adjusted the time by our watches by advancing it twenty-five minutes in conformity with Mexican time, and continued our warm dusty journey with as much fortitude as we could muster. That night we could not obtain a sleeper and were dreadfully fatigued the following day. Fortunately the following night we were more successful and did indeed enjoy entering the clean Pullman car and washing our dusty faces in a clean toilet basin, for the toilet room in the other car was even more dusty than the traveling compartments. In the morning we found the ground soaked with rain, the air fresh and cool and the scenery simply grand. The fields were covered with flowers, the prickly pears in full bloom and aloes (century plants) growing six feet high and as large as trees.

We reached Mexico City about noon and during the afternoon our guide took us to the Hotel Gillion where we occupied the room in which Apostle Teasdale met the Mexican officials at the time the Gospel was

introduced into Mexico. It was a great, grand, historic room but there were seven persons to occupy it! When time came to retire we had some little amusement and were taken back in memory to ship-board travel, but we managed very well, as there was a balcony where some could sit while others retired. Baby enjoyed being out there looking at the houses, horses and carriages and at the passers by, even if her eyes were sore from the excessive dust. I too, was much interested in reading the signs across the narrow street, which were in the Spanish language, and upon the level of our eyes as we sat on the balcony of the third story.

Not only our baby, but her mother also, suffered dreadfully from sore eyes and was obliged to be led out to dinner blindfolded. As this hotel offered such poor accomodation, the following day we removed to No 50 Humbolt Street, headquarters of the Mexican Mission, but poor Mamma was so afflicted that she had to retire to a dark room for rest and quiet. Papa took care of his little daughter, and I too, took some much needed repose.

When we had rested, our friends took us upon the roof of the house to show us the world-renowned Popocatapetl, the highest mountain in Mexico, save it be Mt. Elias.

About ten o'clock I retired, but not to sleep for my poor girl was suffering so intensely with her eyes that I was up and down attending to her until about two o'clock, when she was administered to and was able to sleep. All this time, and for long afterwards, I was fighting mosquitoes, slapping my face, and boxing my ears to kill the pests, although sprinkling my bed with an antidote for them. As I am writing it seems as if I can still feel the sting of these and other pests, although such a long time has elapsed.

The following day, your sister being better, we went out to see the sights of the city, amongst other places of interest being the Capitol Building, in the court of which we saw a monument to the memory of the beloved and revered Bonito Juarez. The figure is life size and is seated in an arm chair. The expression upon the face is firm but calm, as if he had seen many trials and vicissitudes. This privilege gave me great pleasure as a sketch of this great and good man had been given in our Reaper's Club in Salt Lake City during the time that I was a member of that organization. We were not allowed to visit the interior of the Capitol Building nor could we see the interior of the Cathedral at this time.

We did, however, enjoy the privilege of seeing the renowned tree, spoken of in the account of Mexico as;—"El arbol de la noche triste" (The tree of the dismal night) under which the great conqueror Cortez, stood and wept, as he called the roll and found how many of his soldiers had fallen in the battle of the previous day.

We also visited the Military Academy and White House of Mexico, properly called Castillo de Chapultepec, which is situated on a high hill

and surrounded by a great park. After making an ascent which took us about thirty minutes we reached the Castle gate and begged leave to rest a few minutes upon an iron bench, a request which was granted by a courteous youth after consultation with a superior officer. Upon asking if we might enter the Castle, we were told that the following day, Sunday, would be visiting day, so after a rest descended the 140 steps, between many steep inclines. You may be sure that after our long walk a cup of chocolate and some buns were very acceptable to our famished systems. Later, we saw an old church and a monument erected in honor of the heroes who fought in the war with the United States.

The following day we took the train to Cuernavaca, staying at the Hotel Mirelos, with Bro. H. L. Hall proprietor. This hotel was like a fairy scene outside, with seats, canvas lounges, easy chairs and tables upon which were vases of beautiful flowers and many newspapers and periodicals. While sitting here our eyes rested upon a most enchanting scene. The courtyard, or patio, scrupulously clean, was laden with a luxuriant growth of flowers of every hue, climbing along the walls and falling gracefully from hanging baskets. In the center of the court a fountain sprayed rainbow colors over all within its radius, while the splash of its cool waters made music in our ears.

Entering the hotel, we found the floor tiled in large bricks with rush mats in the parlor and bed rooms and everything very clean and beautiful flowers meeting your eyes wherever you go. The narrow street upon which the hotel fronted was very clean and paved with large smooth cobbles. The sleeping rooms and parlors were situated upon opposite sides of the street so that there was no rush or gazing crowds.

The next day, our party of five, with two "ninos" went to see the sugar plantation of the great Spanish explorer, Hernandez Cortez. We were mounted upon little burros with flat little basket chairs firmly strapped upon their backs. The owner of the burros was also our guide so that we suffered no anxiety upon our journey but in our effort to remain seated in our unusual position. Our guide, a sweet young missionary, son-in-law to one of our neighbors walked along side, which added much to our pleasure. Traveling along the narrow green lanes through which we passed, reminded us of the flight of Joseph and Mary and the infant Jesus into Egypt. We met a great many natives along the road and greeted them with a cheery good-morning in their own language, a courtesy which they very pleasantly returned.

Among other natives whom we saw, was an Albino, one of those persons who have white hair, white skin and pink or red eyes. We asked our guide how the natives regarded such persons and he replied as something miraculous and that they were held in great respect.

The sugar factory was said to be the oldest in North America, but was not in operation at that time. The end of our journey brought us to

the Cortez Palace. The very idea of visiting this historic edifice was delightful to me. We descended from our burros and entered the ancient palace where we saw in the grand reception room magnificent oil paintings of Mexican heroes, one being a life size portrait of Bonito Juarez. Just to look at the face of this grand General who had freed his people and taught them just and wholesome laws filled my heart with joy and admiration.

We returned to the Capitol by train and as the train was an hour late, we had to wait at the rude depot. Here half clad little natives crowded around us begging with a pitiful little whine for "centivos, centivos, centivos." (cents, cents, cents) After we had gone quite a distance upon our journey we came upon the identical half nude little chaps again. We could hardly believe our eyes (While we had journeyed in a horseshoe shaped route they had traversed the mountain and were there to continue their pleading cry. These mites were really professional beggars.

The train was very late and about the time that we should have reached our destination we came upon a washout, and had to transfer to another train as the bridge over which we should have passed had been washed away. The night was dark and wet. After stepping over baggage, etc. we were helped by the train hands to cross a gulch, walking upon ties, shining with wet and lighted by a fire to which we had to pass so close that our clothing might have caught fire, but it did not. We could see the dark waters below. My poor Katie was behind me blindfolded, being helped across by a train official. Never was I so thankful to grasp the hand of a stranger as in this hour of peril. After several more delays we arrived home about 3 a.m. and retired an hour later.

The next day we took car to Ixtacolco and saw the Viga Canal, called the Aztec Floating Gardens. Here we saw Aztecs living in their true native way. We had now returned from Cuernavaca and were back again at the missionary headquarters in Mexico City, and this being the 15th of September we went to Zocola Park in the evening to see the fireworks and attend the festivities, hear the ringing of the Liberty Bell, and to see the President of the Republic, who stands as near the bellas possible when it rings at midnight, which occurs every year upon this date. However, finding the crowd so dense, and being afraid of pickpockets, we came back to the house, entering the door as the big bell pealed out, followed by all the bells and whistles of the city, and this deafening noise continued for half an hour it seemed to me. We retired, but not to enjoy undisturbed rest, for our friends, the squads of missionary boys who had stayed to witness the exciting moment of the ringing of the Old Bell pealing out another year of Liberty for Old Mexico, returned with loud and long knocks on the great iron door of the missionary headquarters.

The next day we witnessed the great parade and at noon heard the bells of the Cathedral ring out a merry peal and saw President Diaz.

After the great parade, fagged, famished and very warm we were glad to return to the house for a little rest and also to do some packing as our trip to Mexico was drawing to a close.

Before leaving however, I went to see the tomb of Bonito Juarez. Upon the top of the sarcophagus is a full length recumbent figure of this great man, the head and shoulders lying in the lap of the Goddess of Liberty. With love and reverence I gazed on the calm, gentle yet resolute face of this noble patriot, who loved his people more than his own life. The aged native in charge gave me a few flowers from those which were kept fresh upon the marble brow.

In this cemetery were monuments to many Mexican heroes. One was, I think, to the memory of Edalgo, of whom there was also a life size oil painting in the Cortez Palace.

To the right were catacombs, of which I had read but never seen. I visited this cemetery alone and enjoyed the solemnity of the last resting place of these benefactors of mankind. I should have enjoyed to remain longer but was obliged to get ready for our departure.

We passed through the Custom House without difficulty and here we had to separate from the dear friends in whose company we had so much enjoyed our trip.

Our return journey was uneventful and we received a kindly welcome from our friends in Colonia Juarez. It seemed pleasant to rest after so much travelling in our nice cool room, and review in memory the scenes we had passed through.

We now resumed the even tenor of our ways, working, studying, and attending meetings as usual.

At the next conference of the Juarez Stake a slight departure in the conduct of the meeting was made by Apostle John W. Taylor, calling some of the sisters to the stand to take part. Among others were Sister Nellie T. Taylor and myself.

When it came my turn to speak I asked the presiding brother who had called me to the stand if he had in mind any particular subject upon which he wished me to speak. He replied;—"Speak as you are led."

I suggested to the audience that perhaps I was too much frightened to be led by the Spirit of God at all. However, I did feel led to speak upon a subject which had weighed heavily upon my mind for some time;—that of criticizing the conduct of our brethren and sisters and making their faults a theme of conversation in company, or at meal times. Referring to my work as a missionary to new converts, I said that my council to them was to attend to their meetings, secret and family prayers and above all to keep themselves from associating with apostates, for the words of such are like the sting of a poisonous snake and will result in spiritual death. Having seen my nearest and dearest friends die spiritually, I knew whereof

I spoke. To illustrate, I took a handkerchief from my hand satchel and presupposing it to be of good quality and free of blemish I inserted a pin in the center, showing that by this very vind instrument an incision could be made. But by pulling, stretching and writhing, a real hole could be made. And so a persons character could be blackened by false accusation until they were made to appear really bad.

I had no fear of consequences as long as the Spirit of God was upon me, but when I sat down I felt afraid to meet the people afterwards, at least some to whom these remarks might apply and who might take offense at them.

When Apostle Taylor arose he endorsed all that I had said, speaking of me and my children in the highest terms. Still, I was afraid to meet the people who had listened to me and I asked the apostle if he thought that the people would stone me? "I will stand by you," he replied. A younger apostle expressed himself in a similar manner. The latter took up the theme in his remarks and it was adopted in a far reaching manner subsequently.

As I walked through the departing audience on my way from the stand, one or more persons expressed their approval of what I had said, and one lady, whom I dreaded to meet more than all others, came and putting her arms around me kissed me and said;—"I shall try to be a better woman".

Aunt Margaret's house, which had been enlarged and renovated was now finished, so we left the hotel and went back to her house where we now had better and more commodious accommodation.

We had now two nice rooms upstairs and one downstairs, with a wee wee porch of about four feet square, but railed off to keep baby from the river which ran near by. This was very acceptable as she could play there and be safe.

Soon after moving into our new quarters we received a very unexpected visit from Mrs. Sarah E. Russell and her sister, Mrs. Belle M. Guthrie Johnson. This meeting was a pleasure, as we were young women when we met in or about the year 1867. We are grandmothers now and have the infirmities of age creeping upon us. We talked of the days of twenty years ago.

These ladies live in a colony higher than we are and over a rugged rocky road. It is cool almost all the year round the flowers bloom in abundance. To meet these ladies seemed like meeting those beyond the grave. But the gospel light is still burning in their hearts. They have left home and country and dear ones in order to live a higher law of that same gospel that calls forth even deeper love and higher admiration. May peace ever attend them.

*Another Patriarchal Blessing***A Patriarchal Blessing.**

A blessing given by Patriarch Miles Park Romney, Dec. 13th, 1903, in Colonia Juarez, Mexico, on the head of Mary Lois Walker Morris, born May 14th, 1835 in Leek, Staffordshire, England, G. B. Daughter of Mary Godwin and William G. Walker;—

Sister Mary Morris, in the name of Jesus Christ, and by virtue and authority of the priesthood I give you a patriarchal blessing. You are of the house of Israel through the loins of Ephraim and you were reserved by the Lord to come forth in this dispensation. You were very faithful in your former estate and the Lord loves you.

You have done much good in your day and generation, have been faithful as a wife, considerate and kind as a mother, and your children will rise up and call you blessed throughout all eternity.

Your descendents will become exceedingly numerous, and will be called among the faithful in Zion.

You have received many blessings and will yet receive many manifestations of the power of God.

When you seek the Lord in behalf of the sick in prayer, you will be benefitted, and I many instances healed, and you shall be able to prophesy and predict the recovery of those for whom you shall pray. You shall be filled with wisdom and your words shall fill and thrill the hearts of your hearers. Your influence and usefulness shall become more pronounced as you grow older and you shall be a great blessing to your brethren and sisters; to those who are in trouble and distress your words shall fill their hearts with joy and hope.

You have extraordinary powers of mind and because of your faithfulness those powers shall continually increase until you shall arrive at a fulness of glory in the Celestial Kingdom of God.

You shall be blessed under all circumstances during your present life, with the Gift of the Holy Ghost, and the testimony of the gospel that is within you shall become brighter; and the revelations of the Almighty shall rest upon you in your labors in the Temple of God, and if you so desire you shall hold communion with the angels in that building. You shall know that they are near and around you and they will reveal to you of the hidden treasures of knowledge; and the visions of the glories of eternity shall be opened up unto you so clearly that you will exclaim in the fullness of your joy; "Oh, Lord, it is enough!"

I seal upon you all former blessings and seal you up into everlasting life in the Celestial Kingdom of God, Amen.

Nephi's Illness

In the month of December we also received word from home that your brother Nephi was seriously ill, and a week later that Typhoid Fever had set in. As the days advanced I became more and more anxious. The news we got was always a week late as it took that time for a letter to reach us, and what may not happen in a week! My heart was bowed down, and at times I could hardly convince myself that the worst had not come and that he was dead. It seemed that when I was praying, in mental vision I could see his exact condition and knew it to be very serious. I felt thankful that my son George Q. was prompt in sending us news of his condition and that he did not deceive me, but still our anxiety was almost unbearable. We could only wait and hope and pray.

At Christmas we had no heart to enjoy the festivities of the occasion, but on the 30th of the month having heard from George Q. that the crisis was over and that he was gradually improving in health, we accepted an invitation to spend New Year's eve with Aunts Rhoda and Roxey Taylor, where we received a royal welcome, and the society of our dear friends seemed all the more pleasant after our lonely Christmas.

Death of Uncle Charles Walker

On January 20th, 1904, three weeks later, I received a letter from your brother George Q. stating that my brother your Uncle Charles, was very ill and even then sinking, and I felt that he was already dead. Sorrow filled my heart and tears filled my eyes, as my mind reverted to our childhood days and to the trials and privations we had passed through together while our father was out preaching the everlasting Gospel. After the first outburst of grief was over I tried to control my feelings and to write to Aunt Abbie and dear Aunt Aggie, who would feel his death very keenly. While I was doing so I received word that he had indeed passed away the evening of the very day that our letter was written. I also wrote a letter to your Aunt Sarah Walker, your Uncle's other wife, who had a young family to rear alone. . .

[Not included here is Mary Lois Morris's sixteen-page sketch of the life of her brother Charles Lowell Walker. In this sketch, she includes several letters that he wrote her; his obituary notice, and songs and poems that he wrote.]

I must now go back a little to January 10, 1904 and continue the account of the severe illness of my son Nephi. Upon the above date I received word that he was so far convalescent as to be able to be up. He

had been confined to the house for sixty days and to his bed thirty, and now was too weak to walk or lift the smallest of his little nieces upon his knee. He came out of his room with a full grown beard, of which I received a very interesting photograph, which I still have in my possession.

Your brother Nephi had placed himself in the care of your Aunt Hattie Morris Pickett, who certainly proved herself a kind and careful nurse.

During his confinement many friends called to see him, many sent or brought beautiful flowers, but all who called we not, on account of his serious condition, permitted to see him.

Many of the Church Authorities called in the kindest manner, among them Apostle John W. Taylor, who blessed him and promised him restoration to perfect health. On January 9th I received the following letter from that great Apostle;—

Office of the First Presidency
of the
Church of Jesus Christ of
Latter Day Saints
P.O. Box B, Salt Lake City, Utah. Dec. 31, 1903.

Dear Sister Morris:—

I know you feel anxious about your dear son Nephi, who has been such a sufferer, and I just send a few lines, knowing it will be a satisfaction to you to know just how he is; He seems to me to have taken a turn for the better. And while he is still in bed, he is doing as well as possible under the circumstances. Your dear boy has been very ill, but through the blessing of the Lord and the kind attentions of his Aunt Hattie it looks like he had passed the danger point. He eats well but his stomach is weak and food seems to distress him a little, but he seems wise and careful in his eating. And all is doing first rate. I wrote you a few lines yesterday to let you know he is better, in a letter to Lyle, and send you these few lines today to tell you that Nephi will enter upon the New Year a little stronger than yesterday. When I looked upon his white face, so intelligent, so patient, as he lay upon his bed, I thought of you; I sympathized with both you and him strongly. Of course I blessed him, and felt blessed of our Heavenly Father in so doing. Sister Morris, the Lord bless you and comfort your heart with the peaceful influence of His Holy Spirit, which is the true and only comfort, and preserve you and yours from the hand of the destroyer. I will call and see your beloved son as often as I can. Kind remembrances to all and dear friends.

Your brother,
John Taylor.

On the 20th of the month I received a letter of twelve pages in length from my dear son Nephi, the first I had received from him since his illness, and it made my heart glad all day.

Soon after this, the Salt Lake Stake was divided into four stakes, to which were given the following names; Liberty, Pioneer, Salt Lake and Ensign.

Nephi Called to Preside over the Salt Lake Stake

Upon a certain day shortly after his recovery from this severe illness your brother Nephi was summoned to the office of the First Presidency and in the presence of these gentlemen, and I think also of some of the brethren of the Apostles Quorum, was asked his opinion as to a suitable person for president of the Salt Lake Stake. Different brethren were mentioned and he was asked his opinion of them. After expressing it he was again asked to name one whom he thought would fill the position. He replied, "Angus M. Cannon is good enough for me." (Bro. Angus M. Cannon had presided over the entire Salt Lake Stake for a number of years.) Your brother was then told that he had been chosen to preside over the new Salt Lake Stake and was asked to choose his councilors. He consented to accept the position on condition that he might have two strong men who were already bishops. With the help of these strong and good men he would try to fill the responsible position. He was asked to name the two men he so much desired and gave the following names;—Edward T Ashton, bishop of the 24th Ward, and George R. Emery, bishop of the 16th Ward. He was assured he should have them.

Congratulations followed, and even we, in our far off home were the recipients of some of them. Aunt Lillian H. Cannon, who always held your brother Nephi in high esteem, called to see us, bringing with her a copy of the *Deseret News*, containing his portrait and those of his two chosen councilors. I can see now, her beautiful face beaming with joy and enthusiastic interest as she called our attention to the object of her errand.

Spring was now approaching and I was asked to give patriotic sentiments at the forthcoming Cinco de Mayo, or Fifth of May Festival. I felt a deep interest in these downtrodden natives of this grand country and having studied somewhat of their history and visited their Capital, and my dear Spanish teacher being of that nationality, I felt an enthusiastic desire to do my part well, and was very anxious to find a grand poem on the subject and commit it to memory.

But the meagerest history only of this great event was obtainable, but this did not quench my earnest desire to pay a loving tribute to this much abused and wandering branch of the House of Israel, so I began to write the feelings of my heart, as follows:—

A Tribute to Old Mexico.

Fair Mexico, a tribute would I pay
On this, thy glorious Freedom's day,
Where native warriors, led by native braves
Now burst the shackles that would make them slaves.

We, too, rejoice in this much favored land
Where found we shelter, and a kindly hand.
God bless thy President, and Cabinet, and all
Who, through wise tolerance, their country save from thrall.

Long live thy government, beneath whose literal folds,
The stranger and the pilgrim it's generous law upholds.
Where with God's blessing on man's daily care and toil
The golden grain springs forth from thy productive soil

And fruit and flowers, and flocks and kine
With milk and honey, and the luscious vine,
The golden sun makes light our path each day,
The silvery moon beams forth its lustrous ray.

Thy sweet tones warblers make glad thy lofty trees,
The careworn brow is fanned by thy delightful breeze
Thy flowers are gorgeous, thy roses rare,
Thy maidens beautiful, thy matrons fair.

Long live our noble Chieftan, and the country that we love,
Pray we for thy safety, to the King of Kings above.

On the 6th of April, 1904 a heavy fall of rain commenced and continued until the settlement was almost flooded. The back part of the house where we were living was lower than the canal east of it, and as the water began to pour down from the mountains near us, filling the canal to overflowing, we felt considerably alarmed. We felt exceedingly helpless and lonely, just three women, one girl and two babies, but we worked with a will, and were able to keep the water from passing the middle of the kitchen floor. When the storm was over the streets presented the appearance of a washout, and made us feel dismal, but still we were thankful that we had been preserved by a kind Providence.

Here was a time when we had a superabundance of water but owing

to the sandy soil it was not long afterwards that we suffered from a long drought. One day my little Kate, or Mamma, as we called her, had collected about a quart of water to give Baby a sponge bath, when the vessel containing it was accidentally tipped over and her disappointment was so keen that she felt like weeping.

The following pleasant little experience occurred during this summer. Our veteran member of the Theological Class in Sunday School, Bro. John Charington, in bearing a very humble testimony, expressed a desire to go where he would meet the Presidents of the Church from the Prophet Joseph down to our beloved President Prophet Joseph F. Smith, bearing testimony to their worth. I listened intently until he had finished his testimony, then I arose and by the promptings of the Spirit of God said these few words;—"Bro. Charington, you will go where you will meet the Prophets of God that you so much desire to see, you shall have power to overcome and endure to the end." By this time the tears were welling up to my eyes, as they had to his while bearing his testimony. I had very few words to say, my heart was full. At the close of the meeting Apostle Teasdale said, in a very calm low tone;—"We have had a delightful meeting, not only the spirit of testimony but also the spirit of prophecy from Sister Morris, who shall have it again." The sweet spirit that accompanied his words is with me now, as I record the blessed occasion with tears of joy and humility, as when it occurred. At the afternoon meeting Bro. Charington again bore a valiant testimony, and again it was made known to me that our Heavenly Father was pleased with the same.

Death of Apostle and Mrs. Helen Winters Woodruff

In June of this year, Apostle Abram Owen Woodruff and his wife Helen Winters Woodruff, who were traveling in Mexico, were attacked with the dreaded disease Smallpox, in its worst form, and as you know both succumbed to the awful malady. It was a time of great sorrow in our little community and afterwards to the whole church. All felt in their hearts to bless Bro. Alonzo Taylor of the Mexican mission, who nursed them with such tender care, risking his life in so doing.

At the Memorial Services, at the request of Apostle Teasdale, I, with some other sisters, was invited to say a few words. In my brief remarks I commented particularly upon the extremely cheerful disposition of Sister Woodruff.

About this time, our dear friend Mrs. Mary B. Eyring lost her son Henry, and as I contemplated his departure from this life, this pleasing thought pervaded my soul; that although on this earth he had been blind and dependent, he was now in a position to preach the gospel to the

kindred of those with whom he had been surrounded for so many years, and that his intimate knowledge of the Spanish Language would render him doubly useful as a missionary of truth to those spirits in prison.

I wept bitterly as I saw this aged mother take a last fond look at her departed son and heard her say; "My work is ended now." He was forty years old and for nine years previous to his death had been blind. He was her first born child and had always been in delicate health.

At the funeral services I was invited to assist in the choir. It so happened that they sang a favorite hymn that I think I had heard but once and that many, many years ago. The words and music are to me equally beautiful and they inspired me to give expression to the deep sympathy of my heart in the following words;—

A Tribute of Sympathy
To
Mrs. Mary B. Eyring.

How beautiful a Mother's love
How eloquent her grief,
My tears are streaming with the flood
That brings my heart relief.
None but a Mother's heart may know
The wealth of her undying love;
'Tis Heaven's gift, that precious glow
That crowns our motherhood.

We prize thy precious mother love
We've watched thy tender care,
Angels look down and thee approve
And thy deep sorrow share.
"My work is ended now," she said
While gazing on her treasured boy.
His breath has stopped, his spirit fled,
And with it went her joy.

A lustrous crown awaits thy brow
Brilliants carved so rare,
A mansion bright, or pure delight,
And thou shalt enter there.
A son, a husband, thou shalt meet

With all that happy glorious throng.
In purest love each other greet,
And join the conqueror's song.

Sympathetically inscribed by Mary L. Morris, July 28th, 1904.
Colonia Juarez, Mexico.

It is pleasant to reflect upon the fact that you have tried to be a good mother. It is also pleasant to find your children appreciative. In a letter from my son George Q. dated August 19th 1904 the following occurs;—"God bless you strong, true mothers." "God pity the weak ones. Dear Mother, I thank you for what you have done for me. Your care and prayerful labors over your children has been wonderful. I am proud to be your son. I am proud that all your children, every one, are true to your principles. All bless you."

It is at the insistence of your sister Kate that I insert the above. I thank you my dear son and may God bless you and all my dear children that you may ever be faithful and endure to the end.

The following extract from another of your brother George Q.'s letters is upon the same topic;—It is dated October 2, 1903.

"Effie and I were talking about you the other evening and wishing you could be with us. She was comparing you with some of the sisters of a ward where Sister Elizabeth Stevenson was speaking, and of course it was to their dis-advantage. She said how some of the sisters rather yielded to the idea that children could not be controlled nowadays, and how it brought to her mind a picture of you standing up to say that they could be controlled and taught to know their place. Effie said in Sister Stevenson's address, she heard over again the life's teachings she had heard from you about thoroughness in every work or task undertaken. I told her that you and Sister Stevenson were kindred spirits and dear friends. You are greatly missed by everybody. You are the ideal of so many good people whom you have blessed with your council; and to whom you have ministered when they were in need.

Dear Mother, I appreciate all the time, your example and teachings, and begin to understand just a little, how I owe everything to you and how we alldo. I am proud of your family. Through children and children's children the ranks are solid. All have character, are intelligent, high-minded and wise, and above all, have the spirit of truth in their hearts. All have you character's imprints. I am proud of such a family, and am the least worthy of them all.

While on my mission, George M. wrote me, and much of his letter was in praise of you. He said he had never met a woman of stronger character or of higher principles. Neither have I. You know, mother, I told

you long ago that you would have the softest and highest seat, and in my mind and heart the seat you deserve is growing higher and softer all the time. Your experience and service where you are adds another degree to your full and high life.

It is a long time since I wrote you in this personal strain, but I am doing it tonight because I want you to know the thoughts and feelings constantly in my mind and heart. I hold you highest, and wisest and best of women, the standard by which I estimate others and by which to guide my actions."

This year also I had held a class of needlework during the holidays. One afternoon, as we were seated in the band-stand, the children told me in an excited manner that a snake was coming up the wall. I went down and coolly took in the situation. The swiftness with which the creature of beautiful scales zigzagged up the short wall of the bandstand was startling. There was no help at hand. I took my parasol and turned the head of the snake in the direction of the place from whence it had come. By this time there was a photographer at hand to take a snap-shot of him. As the distance lengthened between us, some boys began to throw stones at it, but I forbade them, remembering the words of the Prophet Joseph upon a similar occasion, in Zion's Camp, when he said that the lamb and the lion would never lie down together while men make war upon the animal creation. Also I recalled the words of Apostle Parley P. Pratt, as he arose from his bed on the ground and a rattlesnake ran from the place where his head had rested all night. Some of the brethren wanted to kill it, but he said;—"He and I have had a comfortable night together, I will not harm him." I could see the genial smile upon his benign countenance as he would say these words.

It gave me a great deal of pleasure to have the privilege of teaching the art of plain sewing to the children of the people, and also to the children of the natives with whom we were surrounded. Little Camilla Eyring, then only nine years old, was able to mend the family stockings, had made good buttonholes and also some underwear. I received afterwards a nice little linen doily worked in blue silk for-get-me-nots from little Hazel Redd. This little token of gratitude caused tears of emotion to fill my eyes and has made a sweet spot in my heart for life. I felt that my labors had not been in vain.

During most of the time I was in Mexico my health was anything but good, and in the fall of this year my strength seemed almost at the point of failing me altogether. I had no appetite and existed upon water gruel. I realized that if I should give up and go to bed, I should not be likely to get up again very soon, so concluded to battle on if it was with trembling steps and slow pace. Thinking that a change might help me,

Sister Harper, who had noticed my failing health, invited us to come to her hotel for a week's visit. She prepared an elegant dinner for us when we arrived, and treated us with the greatest kindness all the time. It was very nice to be treated with so much consideration, being strangers in a strange land.

At the end of November Apostles Charles W. Penrose and John Henry Smith visited our colony. As I took my seat in the meeting house the choir started to sing the anthem;—“Jerusalem, My Glorious Home”. The music of this grand anthem and the sight of Bro. Penrose, who, in his capacity of editor of the *Deseret News*, was daily in the same building in which my sons Nephi and George Q. were then living (for they rented rooms in the *Deseret News* Building during this time) filled my heart with emotion and my eyes with tears. I felt glad to think that they and this grand Apostle were working with one common object in view; that of the advancement of our Heavenly Father's Kingdom, for Nephi was presiding over the Salt Lake Stake and George Q. was Stake President of the Y.M.M.I.A. But oh, how my heart yearned for my loved ones at home. It seemed for a time as if I could not be reconciled to this long separation, and it was hard to keep back the tears. Apostle John Henry Smith, as he passed out of the hall, a little before the close of the meeting, silently grasped my hand. After meeting, Bro. Penrose was anxious to meet us, and said that my sons were doing a good work and again my heart yearned to see my children.

The following day I attended a Relief Society meeting at which a good spirit prevailed. The Spirit of God rested upon me and I felt a desire to say that the principle of Celestial Marriage would never be blotted out. At this time Apostle Teasdale was upon his feet and bore the same testimony that was in my heart, but of course I could not interrupt him to say so. The same spirit rested upon us at the same moment. Afterwards I expressed myself, but felt that I was not responsible for what I said. It was the Spirit of God that bore witness of it.

The following day as I was about to go to my Spanish Class, I noticed that “Mamma” was not looking very well. She did not complain, but I felt that we must be prepared for an event that was not expected until some time later. I administered to her, hoping that the symptoms as they then appeared might pass away. Seeing that there was no change, I asked our nearest neighbor who we could get to help us, but she only knew of one sister who had studied a little but had not had any practice. A man was dispatched for experienced help and two elders came and administered to our dear one in the kindest manner. Still her suffering increased. About this time Sister Harris came running across the lot and said;—“There is a woman who can help you”. As she approached the gate I went out and asked her to come in and help us. About 10:40 a little daughter was born.

While the foregoing was transpiring little Catherine was sobbing in the kitchen. She seemed to understand that there was something the matter with her beloved mother, and refused to eat. We had plenty of help now, but I was kept busy getting things as they were needed, and each time that I left little Catherine alone, her tears broke out afresh.

Then a gentleman friend, who was visiting in the colony, called, and noticing the poor little child's distress, remained to comfort her. As the birth of the little daughter had been premature and life was very uncertain, I called him into the sick room to bless the baby and give it a name. He demurred, but I told him it was the custom to name babies immediately after birth under these conditions, if they breathed at all, so he consented. The mother was now asked what she would name her little one, and she chose the name of Mary.

Grief was now added to bodily suffering, for little Mary, so recently come to our care, was snatched away.

A few minutes later another little daughter was born and our friend in need was summoned a second time. The poor mother was asked for a name for her second little one. She spoke the name of Effie, and he who was in authority blessed the babe and gave her that name.

Sister Black, who had so recently assisted to bring little Mary and her twin sister into the world now prepared the former for her quiet resting place. By this time our friend Sister McMurrin, who had previously been engaged as nurse came to our aid, and Sister Black left, after making little Effie and her mother as comfortable as she could.

Aunt Ellen, who had as soon as possible after receiving word come over to see us, fell on my neck weeping bitterly. Aunt Ellen was quickly followed by Aunt Margaret, who, to express her love and sympathy for poor Mamma, now went over to Sister Harris's to make baby robes for little Mary.

Bro. D. H. Harris, who had been called earlier in the day, now came to see what he could do to help us. Later, our friend who had blessed the babies and our Bishop came with hearts full of love and sympathy for the grief stricken and bereaved. Upon being asked to do so they blessed our little one who remained with us. She was so frail that I had to put my ear to her little mouth to listen if she breathed.

Sister McMurrin said that she was cold, and while she went back for some of her things, I kept my warm hand upon the little body and held her nearer to the fire. We had not enough batting to envelope her, but we wrapped her in a soft shawl and laid her upon a pillow placed in a rocker near a good fire.

During the day Uncle Frank and Aunt Alice called; also Bro. Duffin, their hearts full of love and sympathy for poor Mamma. (Uncle Frank was the Elder who had blessed the babies.) Turning to the bed, Bro. Duffin

said;—"Give me the oil, and let us lay hands on that girl." and being mouth he gave Mamma a beautiful blessing. Bro. Walser, also, in giving her a blessing that promised that she should have a long life.

The Bishop then called me aside to make arrangements for the funeral and Aunt Ellen and Aunt Margaret brought the little burial suit, exquisitely made, and no one could have asked for anything more dainty. Although I had so much to attend to I managed to set a comfortable repast for these ladies after their long afternoon's work in our behalf. Bless them!

Sister Mack and I sat up allnight, by turns, as I insisted that she should take some rest. Every few minutes I would listen to hear if the little baby were breathing. I also took notes of particulars as they occurred to send to my son-in-law. I could not rest long however, as I was expecting the brethren to call in reference to the funeral. In good time, dear Aunt Margaret came for the purpose of doing our washing, bringing her little son with her to help. Uncle Frank also came to render what assistance he could. Aunt Ellen came and did the Saturday's work and cooked dinner for us. These dear ladies who had wrought so exquisitely the previous day upon little Mary's suit were just as willing to come today and help with the heavier work. They were friends indeed. May God bless them always, I say.

About noon, Uncle Frank brought the little casket and Aunt Margaret stopped her washing and Aunt Ellen her cooking and they put little Mary so cosily into it that her beautiful little form so exquisitely attired made a lovely picture to look upon.

Apostle Taylor's buggy was kindly tendered for our use. Aunt Ellen, seated upon Aunt Margaret's lap, took the reins. I held the little casket upon my lap. The day was fine and the new cemetery looked dry and comfortable, if any place can seem comfortable where we lay loved ones to rest in Mother Earth. A native had dug the little grave. Our esteemed Bishop, although far from well, had come with Uncle Frank to meet us there and to officiate in the last sad rites over our precious one.

After our return from the cemetery I had a chance to take a little rest, but Sister Mac and I took turns and sat up all night. In the morning the baby was still no better. The following day we had several visitors and the greatest sympathy was expressed by all.

About midnight both Sister McMurrin and I noticed a decided change in the baby, and about an hour later the sufferings of little Effie were over and her spirit had followed that of her sister into a brighter realm where sorrow and death do not enter. I did not wound the sad little mother by telling her what had happened, but the reflex of my face told the tale. We now laid out the treasured remains and I wrote another letter to my son-in-law telling him the sad news, and retired about 4 a.m.

Little Clyde Peart was an early caller this sad and cold morning, so by him we sent word to Aunts Ellen and Margaret, and also to the Bishop, of what had happened. In good season the dear friends came to our assistance again, making another exquisiet suit for little Effie, such as they had made for her twin sister.

Soon came Uncle Frank, stating that he and our Bishop would attend to matters required for the interment as before.

Again I prepared a repast for the kind ladies who were so busily engaged in our behalf, and as they had done for little Mary, these good sisters robed the tiny form in the beautiful clothing they had made and lay her in her little bed as cozy as loving hands could place her.

As the ladies were attending to this last kind office we hastily prepared for the burial, each bearing the same part as we had done before. The weather this time was raw and cold and really dangerous to the health of our Bishop, but he risked coming out in order to express his sympathy and to see that everything was properly attended to.

We reached home as the evening shadows were falling and as I sat on a chair near the fire I felt as if the world had lost a great deal of its charm for me, although I had no complaint to make. Sister Mac. told me that while we were away, little Catherine, although but two years old, had nestled up to her mother, and sobbed as bitterly as did her heart stricken mamma. I felt that I had neither heart nor strength for anything but to sit still. I knew that your sister was in good hands with Sister McMurrin in constant attendance upon her, and had it not been that little Catherine needed a mother's care, to rest quietly in bed would have been the greatest boon to me.

At last, over anxiety, want of rest perhaps coupled with too much study, before your sister was really well, I began to giveout. Along with general debility came a sore throat. In answer to prayer and anointing with holy oil I was greatly relived. But one evening I dreaded to go to bed with my throat in such a condition. Our oil was exhausted and we had no one to send out in the darkness of the night to get more, or to send for the Elders. My Heavenly Father had healed me many times under my own administration. I thought I would try Him again.

From the bottle I drained three drops of oil, hardly enough to reach my throat. What was I to do with the outward glands? With the oily moisture still clinging to the spoon I rubbed the outward stiffness of my neck; my prayer was answered. I was healed!

In January we visited the two little graves and arranged to have two little stones set up over the place where our little treasures were laid. It was strange how long the death-like influence remained with us, it seemed so hard to become reconciled to our disappointment. I kept a lamp burning for company and was glad that your sister had little Catherine.

I was so anxious to continue my Spanish lessons that I continued to go until one day I was obliged to leave before the class was dismissed. I did not want the class to know how ill I felt nor did I wish to fall while walking home so prayed earnestly for strength to reach there. Mamma read to me after retiring so as to help me to repose. For a while I had to keep my bed and so could not continue my preparation for the class examination, as I had looked forward to. Several dear friends called to see me. There was a sister who was anxious that I should wash and anoint her, so Sister Bently took me in a buggy and I was wonderfully sustained while administering the holy ordinances and suffered no harm from going out.

A few days later we went to a pleasant sociable. Apostle Taylor came forward and seated us at the head of the hall. I was enjoying the sweet social spirit of the occasion and the friendship of many whom we met, and had just clasped hands with Sister Teasdale when a weak sinking feeling came over me. I hastened home as best I could, praying and trusting as I went.

There was no one to help me home as the whole colony had gone to the party and I could not find it in my heart to accept the arm of your sister who was already carrying little Catherine. It was with great difficulty, that, with my daughters assistance I disrobed and went to bed. I asked her to administer to me, and could make this request only in a whisper and broken syllables. I felt that the end might be very near and would not have opened an eye to go or to stay. I lay mentally watched who would come for me. About 1 A?M?, not being able to call, I touched a tiny bell suspended at the head of my bed, and in answer your sister came to my bedside and in a perfectly calm and collected manner I told her that if anything should happen to me, where she would find everything needed, even to my obituary. I also told her my mind as to a little matter of business and also what course to take in order to have agreeable company in the event of my departure. My daughter Kate was my only care at this critical moment, she being in exile and away from every kin. Then, as I had nothing more upon my mind to speak of, nor strength to do so, I was ready to go if my time had come, and as I felt sleepy I knew not if I should wake in the spirit world or in this. I only watched to see who would come to meet me.

The night passed, the morning dawned, I was still here. So had Father willed it. That morning by mail I received a photo of my son George Q. so handsome that it surprised me. Elder D. H. Harris who had seen him recently testifies that the picture was a correct likeness and others corroborated the statement. As I looked at the picture and contemplated the pure and lovely life he had led and his devotion to God and the good of mankind and the high esteem in which he was held and thought of the many times his life had hung on a thread, I could not

express the gratitude in my heart. I asked myself the question;—"How is it that I am so blessed? How is it I was sent to parents who had taught me to love God and serve Him and enabled me to rear my children after the manner in which I had been taught? Woe be unto me if I stray from the path in which I have been taught to walk and woe be unto my children if they depart from the teachings they have received. They have been the sacred charge of my life. I stand accountable to God for the manner in which I have trained them."

The following day I was a little better, but during the night had another sinking spell. Not wishing to disturb our neighbor Bro. Harris, I again asked your sister to administer to me. She did to, trembling with fear, although she appeared perfectly calm. Her prayers were answered and the next morning I felt a joy in my heart that I still lived and was restored to my little Kate, while she rejoiced that her mother had been restored to her. One morning, a few days later, a rap came at the door and there stood a handsome little boy with a basket of red apples such as I had been wanting ever since I had been ill. They were the gift of Sister Teasdale. How kind the Father is!

We felt it desirable to consult Dr. Farr, who after an examination reported that my internal organs were in a deplorable condition on account of lacerations sustained more than fifty years ago and a displacement of other organs as a result. Her treatment gave me some relief.

The following day Sister Harper and Sister Harris called but I was not able to see them. Bishop Bently came but I was not able to talk to him. He administered to me with great power and I received a great blessing and rested well afterwards.

Bro. Harris, who had administered to me on several occasions, brought Apostle John W. Taylor and Apostle Cowley. They blessed me with life, health, comfort of mind and power to return home if I so desired. Feeling better, I arose and dressed and went into the front room. At the close of the morning meeting of the Stake Conference President Ivins called to see me. I much enjoyed his visit. He had missed me at Conference, and not knowing that I was ill, had come to see me. In administering to me he told me that if I would pray fervently to God and take care of myself, I should begin to end from that time. Relief came about midnight.

Miss Almeda Perry, of the faculty of the Academy came and said that they missed me so much at the Theological Class and that President Wilson inquired regarding my health every time they met. Many other callers came, including Sisters Caroline and Emma Eyring, Lilly Romney, and Bro. Hyrum and Sister Annie Harris.

Naturally our dear ones at home had to be made acquainted with the condition of affairs and we received a telegram from my son George

Q. to say that he was coming immediately. I tried hard to get up and sit on the porch so that when he should arrive I might be as well as possible. Mamma, too, was very busy, being anxious to do a large amount of washing which had been delayed on account of a scarcity of water, before he should arrive.

After some delay, owing to the lateness of the stage, he arrived. The meeting was a very happy one and can better be imagined than described. We had not seen much of him in six years. It seemed so lovely to have him with us, although I had not strength to talk much, but his presence was just as sweet.

Your brother had come to take us back to home and loved ones as soon as my health would permit me to take the journey. Hearing of this many friends called, among them sweet Jennie Whipple, a member of the Spanish Class. I felt sad at the thought of parting with her and our many dear friends.

Your sister Kate and George Q. now started to make preparations for our departure and I sat out in the air as much as possible in order to gain strength. One afternoon Sister Pearce called to show me her new baby, but after a short conversation I was obliged to excuse myself, owing to fatigue from talking.

As the news of our approaching departure was noised about, more people called to see us. Mr. Burt Redd and Miss Louis McDonald were the first to call. Then Mrs. Lizzie Walser and her daughter Mrs. Romney. Mrs. Charles E. McClellan and babies whose husband called later, then Mrs. Whipple and her beautiful babies. The love and respect expressed by these dear friends was something pathetic. I hardly knew that I was noticed by them, and here they came bringing their lovely babies in their arms to wish us a tender goodbye. Tears of emotion filled my eyes as I contemplated their thoughtful attention.

Then I had a call from Sister Elizabeth Ivins, who is to me a most charming woman. Although I was not able to talk to her I enjoyed looking at her and observed that she enjoyed conversing with George Q., who suspended his preparations for our departure in order to talk with her. I was pleased to have him meet the wife of our highly esteemed president Anthony W. Ivins. Bro. Leslie Cooms a young brother of our dear Sister Harper, then called to bid us goodbye, followed later by a bevy of young ladies whom I hastened to receive in the front room as it was nearing sundown and the air upon the porch was a little cool. The young ladies were my classmates in the Juarez Academy and were as follows; The Misses Florence Ivins, Mabel Stevens, Leah Ivins, Eliza Clayson, Belva Welling and Kate Spillsbury. Soon after their departure my dear teacher and principal of the Academy, Professor Guy C. Wilson called. His influence seemed to give me new life, he expressed faith in my complete recovery.

All this excitement perhaps was too much for me and my poor little Kate had to arise at 4 a.m. to give me nourishment and then remained up in order to continue her work of washing and packing. Poor George Q. although our lovely guest, had to be our humble servant, tearing up carpets and moving things generally. My health making it impossible for me to render such assistance made me feel discouraged.

The next day Mr. Burton Redd, one of my classmates at the Academy came to take me for a drive in his buggy drawn by spirited horses, thinking it would benefit my health, and as a mark of respect. As we drove past the Academy I caught a glimpse of sweet Mabel Stevens and Miss Perry who had recently called to see me. During our drive I talked to our young friend of matters that would be of value to him in his future life if he adheres to them. Later he took me to the home of Aunt Margaret where we were invited to spend our last night in Juarez. Apostle Teasdale and his wife were there awaiting the arrival of George Q. whom they wished to bear messages from them to the First Presidency. I felt too ill to meet them and had to sit on the porch. The wind was raging. George Q. and Kate came about 5 o'clock and partook of the repast which Aunt Margaret had so kindly provided. Reclining upon the couch I enjoyed listening to their pleasant conversation. After supper they had to return to the dreary house to complete their moving arrangements. Poor children, it pained me to see them so tired and so bothered. They did not return until about midnight, when I settled down upon a lounge that Aunt Margaret had prepared for my bed in the parlor. I felt thankful to be quiet and rest.

By nine o'clock the next morning we were ready to depart. As we passed the Bishop's, Sister Gladys Bently came out to wish us good-bye. (Dear sensitive, intelligent Gladys, how I have longed to meet thee, but I cannot until I have passed into the beyond.) We did not know as we said farewell, that we should never see her again in this life. Passing by the Hotel Harper, its kind hostess came out to express her love and friendship in a substantial manner. She begged to take Catherine for a moment to see little Ida, who was broken hearted at parting from her little playmate whom she had loved so dearly. Then Sister Harper ran to the store and bought a little silk handkerchief as a parting gift to little Catherine, who held it in her tiny hand during the rest of our eighteen miles ride. Apostle Teasdale and president Ivins also met us on the way to wish us God-speed.

After a ride of four hours we arrived in Colonia Dublane where we waited until the morning to continue our journey.

Although it was in the month of April and the weather warm, I suffered very much with coldness in my feet. but when we were seated in the pleasant parlor, seeing an organ there I commenced to play and found that the exercise of the pedals aided the circulation of blood in my feet

and made them warmer. I requested my son George Q. to go and call upon my friend Bro. Bennie La Baron, son of my very dear friend Sister Esther Johnson Le Baron, deceased. As he stood in the doorway, about to depart upon this errand, your brother turned around with a smile and loving twinkle in his eye and said;—"If you continue your music I shall not go." He had not seen much of me in the past three years, but during my recovery from my severe illness in Salt Lake I had learned to accompany myself upon the piano. This little incident took me back to my home and its pleasant parlor and the memory of the songs of my childhood. The following day we started upon our journey. "How should I ever stand it?" I thought. We took the 8 a.m. train for El Paso. Here, while some of our party were battling with the Custom House officials I tried to get a cool shady place to rest in, for the weather was excessively warm. Then we boarded the Pullman, reaching Delheart about 3 p.m. the following day and were glad to rest in the Delheart Hotel there. Poor little Catherine had been sick most of the journey, making it extra hard for her mamma and Uncle George, but they took everything in good part. I was not able to eat much, but made beef extract for use upon the journey whenever possible.

By 2 a.m. we were off again in the Pullman for Pueblo arriving about noon the following day. It was raining and I was glad to go to bed as soon as we were settled down in the hotel, while the others went down to dinner.

At midnight we took the train again and awaking at daybreak, I looked out of the window of the car and saw that the ground was covered with snow,—a strange sight for us. I had been very anxious to see the Royal Gorge as we passed through it but upon inquiring of a colored porter, found that we were already far beyond that point. I felt some disappointment but should have made inquiries before retiring as to what hour we should pass through it. After breakfast I seated myself at the car window, and while inhaling the fresh air enjoyed the grand scenery of the Great Colorado Basin. Having studied the physical geography of this, that was once a great inland sea, I noticed with great interest the water mark where the waves lashed the sides of the basin thousands, perhaps, of years ago. I was delighted with the coloring of the various strata of earth and the constantly varying scenery. As evening approached we were nearing the border of our beloved Utah. As the shades of evening closed over us, I felt something as the disciples must have felt at the last supper, although they knew not what was before them, nor understood. But I knew that at the coming midnight my little Kate and her precious babe and I must part, and whether we might ever meet again I knew not. But there seemed to be someone above me saying these words;—"Fear not, I am with thee, Oh, be not dismayed."

At midnight we reached the Salt Lake Depot and when I heard that my daughter Effie, my son Nephi, and my son-in-law, E. T. Ashton were awaiting me, I knew that I was in safe hands, and when I heard your sister Effie say, "There she is," and felt their loving arms around me, I thanked God.

Abbreviations

AF	Ancestral File, Family History Library.
AJ	Jenson, <i>LDS Biographical Encyclopedia</i> .
BRS�	<i>Biographical Record of Salt Lake City and Vicinity</i> .
Chronology	Jenson, <i>Church Chronology</i> .
Comp. History	Roberts, <i>A comprehensive history of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints: Century 1</i> .
CS	1880 U.S. Federal Census.
CFHT	Evans and Cannon, eds., <i>Cannon Family Historical Treasury</i> .
CWD	Larson and Larson, eds., <i>Diary of Charles Lowell Walker</i> .
EALF	<i>The Edward Ashton and Jane Treharne Ashton Legacy of Faith</i> .
EM	Ludlow, <i>Encyclopedia of Mormonism</i> .
History of Church	Smith, <i>History of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints</i> .
HTW	Carter, <i>Heart Throbs of the West</i> .
IGI	International Genealogical Index, Family History Library.
Memoir	Morris, "Sketch Of The Life of Mary L. Morris."
Morris and Sons	"Integrity, Craftsmanship, Quality: the Story of Elias Morris and Sons Company."
OPH	Carter, <i>Our Pioneer Heritage</i> .
PC	Nibley, <i>The Presidents of the Church</i> .
PPM	Esshom, <i>Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah</i> .
PWFF	<i>Pioneer Women of Faith and Fortitude</i> .
TCBD	Johnson, <i>The Twentieth Century Biographical Dictionary of Notable Americans</i> .

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- Allen, Mary Jane (Jennie) Blood Watson (1860–1951). See Watson, Mary Jane Blood.
- Anderson, Belle (1863–1960). Daughter of Isabella Evans and Dr. Washington F. Anderson, received her medical degree from the University of Michigan Medical School in the late 1880s. She married Robert Gemmel in 1888. [OPH, 6:389–90]
- Anderson, Washington F. (1823–1903). A physician to Brigham Young, studied in the Eastern U.S. and came to Utah in 1857. He was the husband of Isabella Evans Anderson. [OPH, 6:389–90]
- Andrus, Milo (1814–1893). Born in Wilmington, New York, to Azuba Smith and Ruluf Andrus, joined the LDS church in 1832 and was a policeman in Nauvoo. A member of the High Council in the St. George Stake from 1874 to 1881. In 1882, he was appointed chaplain of the council of the Utah Legislature and in 1884 ordained a Patriarch. [AJ, 3:585–87]
- Armstrong, Joseph Hyrum (1846–1927). Born in St. Louis, Missouri, where Mary Lois may have known his parents, Mary Kirkbride and John Christopher Armstrong. He also lived in Cedar City, Utah, where Mary Lois lived during her first years in Utah. [AF]
- Ashton, Brigham Willard (1858–1912). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jane Treharne and Edward Ashton, married Mary Alice Pettit in 1884. He worked as a school teacher and principal and was elected superintendent of schools for Salt Lake County. [EALF, 71–83; BRSL, 544–45]
- Ashton, Edward (1821–1904). Born in Caersws, Llanwnnog, Wales, to Elizabeth Savage and Richard Ashton, joined the Mormon church in 1849 and sailed to America in 1850. He married Jane Treharne in 1854. He was a shoemaker and a choir leader for twenty years in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. His son, Edward Treharne Ashton, married Mary Lois's oldest daughter, Effie. [Frank Eshom, *Pioneers and Prominent Men of Utah*, 724, hereinafter cited as PPM; EALF, 3–25]
- Ashton, Edward Morris (1879–1963). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was the oldest son of Effie Morris and Edward Treharne Ashton. He worked as a real estate agent and stockbroker, later helping to form the Ashton Jenkins Company, a large real estate firm. He was president of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce, a member of the Salt Lake City Planning

- Commission, and bishop of the Thirty-first, Le Grand, and Yale Wards of the Liberty Stake. [PPM, 724; AJ, 4:7]
- Ashton, Edward Treharne (1855–1923). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jane Treharne and Edward Ashton, married his first wife, Effie Walker Morris, on April 4, 1878. Around 1883, he was counseled by LDS church leaders to enter into polygamy and married Cora May Lindsay in 1883. He worked as a mason, contractor, and builder for Elias Morris's company, Morris & Evans (later Morris & Sons) until 1881 when he began his own business. In 1896, he partnered with his brother George Ashton to form Ashton Brothers Contractors. In 1913, he helped form and was president of the Utah Consolidated Stone Co. Bishop of the Salt Lake City Twenty-fourth Ward from 1898 to 1903 and bishop of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from 1903 to 1904. In 1904, he was called as a counselor in the Salt Lake Stake Presidency. He lived at 633 West First South. [AJ, 1:685–86; BRSL, 390–391; EALF, 29–38; Memoir 167]
- Ashton, Effie Walker Morris (1859–1929). See Morris, Effie Walker.
- Ashton, Elias Conway (1880–1919). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was the second son of Effie Morris and Edward Treharne Ashton. He worked as a lawyer and was a member of the Utah State Legislature in 1909. He was also an instructor at the University of Utah law school and called as a Seventy in the LDS church in 1899. [AJ, 3:299–300; AF]
- Ashton, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ann (1860–1938). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jane Treharne and Edward Ashton, was a tailoress and served as Relief Society president of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from 1917 to 1924. [EALF, 91–95]
- Ashton, Jane Treharne (1828–1897). Born in Llangendeirne, Carmarthenshire, Wales, to Ann Richards and William Treharne, joined the Mormon church in 1848 and sailed to America in 1849. She married Edward Ashton in 1854. She was the mother of Mary Lois's son-in-law, Edward Treharne Morris. [EALF, 7–25; Memoir 183]
- Ashton, Jedediah (Jeddie) William (1856–1911). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jane Treharne and Edward Ashton, was a machinist and in later years, a mechanic for the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad. He was a Sunday school teacher for Nephi and George Morris in 1886. He was also Fifteenth Ward choir leader and a member of the Tabernacle Choir. [U.S. Federal Census of 1880, hereinafter cited as CS; EALF, 47–66]
- Ashton, Marvin Owen (1883–1946). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was the third son of Effie Morris and Edward Treharne Ashton. He served as first counselor to LDS Presiding Bishop LeGrand Richards from 1938 to 1946 and as a stake president. He was the father of Marvin Jeremy Ashton (1915–1994), an apostle in the LDS church. [AJ, 4:476; EM, 1631]
- Ashton, Raymond Joy (1887–1973). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was the fourth son of Effie Walker Morris and Edward Treharne Ashton. He married Winnie Grace Richards in 1913. [AF]
- Ashton, Sarah (Sally) Jane (1861–1887). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jane Treharne and Edward Ashton, married Joseph Edwin Price in 1884. [EALF, 87–89]
- Avery, John William Evan (1855–1880). Born in Glamorgan, Wales, to Elizabeth Jenkins and Evan Avery, was a member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. He accidentally shot and killed himself while duck hunting in the West Jordan range on March 15, 1880. [*Deseret Evening News*, March 16, 1880]

- Badger, Rodney Carlos (1848–1923). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Nancy Garr and Rodney Badger, was a surveyor, bookkeeper, and telegraph operator for the Utah Central Railway. He served as second counselor in Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward bishopric from 1890 to 1898 and as first counselor from 1898 to 1903. He was second counselor in the General Y.M.M.I.A. Presidency from 1876 to 1880. [PPM, 729; AJ, 4:231; EM, 1631]
- Baker, Charles William (Willie) (1873–1935). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Elizabeth Leigh Wright and Alexander Crawford Baker. [AF]
- Baker, Rena (1875–?). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Elizabeth Leigh Wright and Alexander Crawford Baker, married Philip Starkey Maycock in 1903. [AF]
- Baldwin, Nancy Kingsbury (1798–1883). Daughter of Eunice Waldo and James Kingsbury, was the wife of Caleb Baldwin. A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, she died on September 12, 1883, of “general debility.” [*Deseret Evening News*, April 12, 1883]
- Balser, Ellen Gay (1864–1881). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Emma Sarah Evans and John Balser. [AF]
- Balser, Luella (Lu) Jane (1862–1935). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Emma Sarah Evans and John Balser. [AF]
- Banks, John (1806–1862). Born in Lancashire, England, was ordained a Seventy of the LDS church on June 4, 1844, and in December 1845 was called to preside as second counselor in the presidency of the British Mission. In 1847, he was appointed president of the Manchester Conference and then called to preside over the London conference. In 1862, he joined the Morrisites and was killed in the confrontation between officials and Morrisites. [AJ, 2:590–91]
- Barlow, Catherine (Kate), (1861–1949). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Electa Mott and James Madison Barlow, was a dressmaker. She married William Austin Burton in 1881. [CS; AF]
- Barlow, Electa Mott (1828–1879). Born in Bethany, New York, to Elizabeth Dwight and Samuel Barlow, married James Madison Barlow in 1856. A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, she died on January 3, 1879, of “apoplexy.” [AF]
- Barlow, Elizabeth (Lill) Dwight (1860–1938). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Susannah Mott and James Madison Barlow, was a milliner and hair worker. She married Nathaniel Vary Jones in 1885. [CS; AF]
- Barlow, James Madison (1812–1893). Born in Kentucky to Susan Childs Isbell and Thomas Barlow, was a dentist and neighbor of Mary Lois. [CS]
- Barlow, James Mott, Jr. (1858–1917). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Electa Mott and James Madison Barlow, married Emma Jane Clark in 1880. [AF]
- Barlow, Susannah (Susan) Mott (1830–1886). Born in Bethany, New York, to Elizabeth Dwight and Samuel Mott, married James Madison Barlow as a plural wife in 1852. [AF; CS]
- Barton, Clara (1866–?). Daughter of Sene Clodthwick and George Barton. [AF]
- Barton, George (1843–1912). A clerk in a clothing store. [CS]
- Beers, James T. (About 1856–?). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, married Annie Clarinda Heath (1860–1913). [AF]
- Binder, Jesse Eliza (1877–1938). Daughter of Alice Maud Crawford and William Lawrence Spicer Binder. [CS]
- Binder, Eliza Camp (1833–1894). Daughter of Sarah Pamplin and James Camp, was the wife of William Lawrence Spicer Binder. [CS]

- Binder, William Lawrence Spicer (1832–1910). Son of Mary Spicer and John Binder, served as captain of the ward police and as a captain in the Utah militia. He was the first counselor in the bishopric of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from 1877 to 1890. [AJ, 1:640, 4:725; AF; Memoir 154]
- Bird, Edmond F. (1809–1892). A carver and the husband of Elizabeth Bird. [CS]
- Bird, Elizabeth (1830–?). Wife of Edmond F. Bird and a professional dressmaker. Addie Morris, Mary Lois's daughter, was apprenticed to her to learn dress-making. [CS; Memoir 182]
- Birkbeck, Jane C. (1822–?). Wife of Richard Robert Birkbeck, a friend of Mary Lois when she lived in Cedar City. [CS; Memoir 112]
- Birkbeck, Richard Robert (1823–?). A carpenter and a friend of Mary Lois when she lived in Cedar City, Utah. [CS]
- Blanchard, Susan (1858–?). Born in Kentucky, came to Utah in 1883 to “preside over” the kitchen of Governor Eli Houston Murray. Of African descent, she lived with her husband, Lloyd Blanchard (1839–?), a janitor at the U.S. Courthouse, at 250 South Third West, a few houses away from Mary Lois. She was a pioneering member of the Calvary Missionary Baptist Church in Salt Lake City, which she had joined by 1902. [Davis, *Light in the Midst of Zion*, 9–19; Memoir 243; U.S. Federal Census of 1900; *Utah Gazetteer and Directory of Salt Lake*, 84]
- Bockholt, Anna Alida (Lidia) Dehaan (1849–1923). Born in Akkrum, Holland, married Dirk Bockholt as his second wife in 1876. [AF]
- Bockholt, Christina Oliver (1852–1924). Born in Heukelum, Holland, to Neeltje Van Leuven and Pieter Oliver, married Dirk Bockholt as his first wife in 1869. [CS; AF]
- Bockholt, Claire Isabel (Clara) (1873–1968). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Christina Oliver and Dirk Bockholt, married William Robinson Foulger in 1898. She served as a secretary in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Primary during Mary Lois's presidency. [CS; AF]
- Bockholt, Dirk (1843–1887). Born in Gorenchem, Holland, to Anna Valk and Herman Henrich Bockholt, was president of the Netherlands mission from 1874 to 1875. He served as county clerk of Salt Lake County and was married to Christina Oliver Bockholt, Anna Alida Dehaan, and Orian Parker. [CS; AJ, 3:24]
- Booth, Hannah (?) Mary Lois's maternal great-grandmother. She and her husband Josiah Booth raised Mary Lois's mother. [Memoir 4]
- Booth, Josiah (1747–1820) Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, was Mary Lois's maternal great-grandfather and a town cryer. He and his wife Hannah raised Mary Lois's mother. [Memoir 4; AF]
- Bowlden, M. Lancaster (?–1882). A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, died on June 8, 1882. [*Deseret Evening News*, June 10, 1882]
- Bowring, Anna (1859–1906). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ellen Mary O'Keefe and Henry Ebenezer Bowring. [IGI]
- Bowring, Kate O'Keefe (1862–1952). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ellen Mary O'Keefe and Henry Ebenezer Bowring, married Arthur Millar Campbell in 1886. [AF]
- Brown, Althea (1843–?). Wife of James T. Brown, a laborer. [CS]
- Brown, Emma Creak (1844–1925). Born in Cambridge, England, to Mary Ann Leaver and Thomas Creak, married William Morris Brown, a salesman at Z.C.M.I., in 1866. [CS; AF]
- Brown, Emma Louisa (1867–1940). Born in Manchester, England, to Emma

- Creak and William Morris Brown, married Mason Turner in 1890. [AF; Memoir 153]
- Brown, Prudence (Prudy) (1872–1934). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Rebecca Webb and Benjamin Pearce Brown. [AF; IGI; Memoir 198]
- Brown, Sarah (1858–?). Married Thomas F. Heath, a store clerk, in 1880. [CS]
- Bull, Emma Green (1828–1895). Born in Birmingham, England, to Eliza Cheshire and James Green, married Joseph Bull, a pressman, book, and copperplate printer, in 1854. She was a member of an early dramatic association and a professional dressmaker. [AJ, 1:654; AF]
- Burgess, Charles (1832–1898). Born in Maddington, England, to Catherine Sainsbury and James Burgess, was a night watchman. He was the husband of Elizabeth Phillips and Maria Wesson. [CS; AF]
- Burgess, Edith Amelia (1863–1937). Born in Southwick, England, to Elizabeth Phillips and Charles Burgess, married William Amos Cardwell in 1882. [AF]
- Burgoyne, Edward (1835–1902). Born in Crickhowell, Wales, to Sarah Strong and Thomas Burgoyne, married Mary Ann Eynon in 1861. [AF]
- Burton, Eloise (Ella) Crismon (1857–1904). See Crismon, Eloise.
- Burton, Florence May (1864–1944). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Maria Susan Haven and Robert Taylor Burton, married Edwin Eli Wilcox in 1895. [Janet Burton Seegmiller, “*Be Kind to the Poor*”: *The Life Story of Robert Taylor Burton*, 231, 436; Memoir 135]
- Burton, Harriet (Hattie) Maria Miner (1844–1928). Born in Toledo, Ohio, to Ellen Mickens and Peter F. Miner, married Charles Edward Burton, a carpenter, in 1860. [CS; Seegmiller, “*Be Kind to the Poor*,” 425]
- Burton, Julia Horne (1872–1873). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on November 26, 1872, to Julia Maria Horne and William Shipley Burton. Her mother died in childbirth, and Julia Burton died less than a year later on October 24, 1873. [Seegmiller, “*Be Kind to the Poor*,” 279–80; Memoir 167]
- Burton, Maria Susan Haven (1826–1920). Born in Holliston, Massachusetts, to Judith Woodbury Temple and John Haven, married Robert Taylor Burton in 1845 in Nauvoo, Illinois, as his first wife. [Seegmiller, “*Be Kind to the Poor*,” 431–37; Memoir 135]
- Burton, Robert Taylor (1821–1907). Born in Ontario, Canada, to Hannah Shipley and Samuel Burton, was a U.S. marshal, sheriff, assessor, and the tax collector for Utah from 1862 to 1869. He was bishop of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from 1867 to 1877 and second counselor to Edward Hunter, the presiding bishop of the Church from 1875 to 1877. After the death of Bishop Hunter, he became first counselor to Hunter’s successor from 1884 to 1907. [AJ, 1:238; PPM, 784; Seegmiller, “*Be Kind to the Poor*”; Memoir 134–35]
- Burton, Willard Cushing (1856–1949). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Susan Ellen McBride and Robert Taylor Burton, dated Addie Morris, Mary Lois’s daughter, in 1879 and 1880. In 1880, he worked in a woolen factory. He married Mary Jane Gardner in 1881. [CS; AJ, 4:726].
- Burton, William Shipley (1850–1931). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Maria Susan Haven and Robert Taylor Burton, married Julia Maria Horne in 1872. After Julia’s death, he married Eloise (Ella) Crismon in 1879. [Seegmiller, “*Be Kind to the Poor*,” 435; Memoir 167]
- Bussel, James (?–1884). Born in Dorsetshire, England, was a member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. He died in September 1884 of “old age.” [*Deseret Evening News*, September 25, 1884]

- Butterworth, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Amer (About 1855–?). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, married John Butterworth, a carpenter, in 1878. [CS; AF]
- Bywater, George Gwilym (1828–1889). Born in Glamorgan, Wales, to Elinor Gwilym and George Bywater, served as a Seventy of the LDS church from 1879 until his death. He worked as a machinist and master mechanic for the Utah Central Railway Company. [AJ, 2:602]
- Caine, John Thomas (1829–1911). Born in Isle of Man to Elinor Cubbon and Thomas Caine, was the stage manager of the Salt Lake Theatre and Utah's fourth delegate to the U.S. Congress, serving from January 1883 to 1892. [AJ, 1:726–38; Memoir 132]
- Calder, David Orson (1823–1884). Born in Thurso, Scotland, to Ann Johnston and George Calder, joined the LDS church in 1840. After immigrating to Utah in 1850, he worked as a clerk and later as private secretary in Brigham Young's office. He established the first musical house in Utah, where he taught music lessons and founded instrumental bands. He was the editor of the *Deseret News* from 1872 to 1877. [AJ, 1:773–74]
- Campbell, Allen G. (1834–?). A mine owner identified with the business interests of Utah, was the nominee of the Liberal Party for delegate to Congress. He came to Utah in 1870 and owned and operated the Horn Silver Mine in Beaver County. [*Comp. History*, 6:2]
- Cannon, Abraham Hoagland (1859–1896). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Hoagland and George Q. Cannon, was the business manager of the *Juvenile Instructor* beginning in 1882. In 1892, with his brother John Q. Cannon, he took charge of the *Deseret News* and also became editor and publisher of the *Contributor*. He served as a Seventy from 1882 to 1889 and as an apostle from 1889 to 1896. [AJ, 1:167; EM, 1633; Memoir 195]
- Cannon, Adele (Addie) Morris (1886–1951). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, as the first child of Marian Adelaide (Addie) Morris and George M. Cannon, married David Parrish Howells in 1913. She served as first counselor to the general primary president from 1940 to 1943 and as general president of the Primary Association from 1943 to 1951. [EM, 1639; AF]
- Cannon, Alice (1882–1967). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Clarissa (Clara) Cordelia Moses Cannon and Angus Munn Cannon, married Joseph Leroy Cheney in 1906. [AF]
- Cannon, Amanda Mousley (1870–1889). Born in St. George, Utah, to Wilhelmina Mousley and David Henry Cannon. [AF]
- Cannon, Angus Munn (1834–1915). Son of Ann Quayle and George Cannon, was the president of the Salt Lake Stake from 1876 to 1904. In 1876, he was elected recorder of Salt Lake County for a term of four years and was reelected in 1880. He was also involved in mining and stock raising and served as the manager and vice president of the *Deseret News* from 1868 to 1874. [PPM, 793; AJ, 1:292; Memoir 192]
- Cannon, Ann Amanda Harrison Mousley (1836–1905). Born in Centerville, Delaware, to Ann McNenemy and Titus Mousley, married Angus Munn Cannon on July 18, 1858, on the same day as her sister Sarah Maria Mousley. [CFHT, 224–26; Memoir 195]
- Cannon, Ann (Annie) Mousley (1869–1948). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Sarah Maria Mousley and Angus Munn Cannon, was a member of the General Board of the Y.W.M.I.A. [AJ, 4:256; AF]
- Cannon, Charles Mousley (1869–1899). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ann

- Amanda Mousley and Angus Munn Cannon, married Ida Maude Daynes in 1891. [PPM, 793; AF]
- Cannon, Clarissa (Clara) Cordelia Moses (Mason) (1839–1926). Born in Westfield, Massachusetts, to Lydia Ensign and Ambrose Todd Moses, married William Henry Mason in 1859. After his death, she married Angus Munn Cannon in 1875 as his third wife. She served as second counselor in the general presidency of the Primary Association from 1880 to 1895. [AJ, 4:277; EM, 1633; Memoir 195]
- Cannon, David Henry (1838–1924). Son of Ann Quayle and George Cannon, was a printer, bishop of the St. George Fourth Ward, president of the Dixie Mission, and president of the St. George Temple. [PPM, 794]
- Cannon, Elizabeth Hoagland (1835–1882). Born in Oakland, Michigan, to Margaret Quick and Abraham Lucas Hoagland, married LDS apostle George Q. Cannon as his first wife in 1854. She died on January 25, 1882. [AF]
- Cannon, George Mousley (1861–1937). Born in St. George, Utah, to Sarah Maria Mousley and Angus Munn Cannon, studied in the scientific department of Deseret University, completing his education at age 19. He taught at the school George Q. Cannon founded for his children. In 1882, he gave up teaching and worked for two years as a deputy in the office of the county recorder. In 1884, he was elected county recorder, in which position he remained for six years. In 1892, he became cashier of Zions Savings Bank and Trust company and in 1895 served as a member of the Utah Constitutional Convention. He served as first president of the State Senate of Utah and as a member of the General Board of the Deseret Sunday School Union. He married Marian Adelaide (Addie) Morris in 1884. In 1901, he married Addie's sister Katherine Vaughan Morris and Ellen Christina Steffensen. [AJ, 1:566, 4:206; BRSL, 330–32; Memoir 191–96]
- Cannon, George Quayle (1827–1901). Born in Liverpool, England, to Ann Quayle and George Cannon, was called as an apostle of the LDS church in 1860. He was assistant counselor to Brigham Young and first counselor to Presidents John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, and Lorenzo Snow. Utah's territorial representative to U.S. Congress from 1873 to 1881, he was also principle executor of Brigham Young's estate, publisher of the *Juvenile Instructor* and *Deseret Evening News*, and general superintendent of the Sunday school. [AJ, 1:42–51; TCBD, 2:C; EM, 1633–34]
- Cannon, Jesse Fox (1877–1956). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ann Amanda Mousley and Angus Munn Cannon, married Margaret Ann McKeever in 1904. [AF]
- Cannon, John Mousley (1865–1917). Born in St. George, Utah, to Sarah Maria Mousley and Angus Munn Cannon, graduated from the University of Michigan with a law degree and worked as a lawyer in Salt Lake City. He operated a real estate and loan business with his brother George M. Cannon. [AJ, 1:790; BRSL, 112–13]
- Cannon, John Quayle (1857–1931). Born in San Francisco, California, was the oldest son of Elizabeth Hoagland and George Q. Cannon. He served as second counselor to LDS presiding bishop William Preston, a position from which he was discharged in 1886 when he confessed to adultery. He had one wife, Elizabeth Ann Wells, when he confessed to adultery but, four days later, married his wife's sister, Louisa Martha Wells. Rebaptized on May 6, 1888, he served as editor in chief of the *Deseret News* from 1892 to 1898. [AJ, 1:243–44; EM, 1634]

- Cannon, Leonora (Nora) Mousley (1874–1961). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Sarah Maria Mousley and Angus Munn Cannon, married Bernard J. Stewart in 1899. [AF; Beatrice Cannon Evans and Janath Russell Cannon, *Cannon Family Historical Treasury*, 223, hereinafter cited as CFHT]
- Cannon, Lewis (Lu) Mousley (1866–1924). Born in St. George, Utah, to Ann Amanda Mousley and Angus Munn Cannon, worked as a cashier for Zion's Savings Bank and was bishop of the Cannon Ward, beginning in 1896. [AJ, 1:687; AF; IGI]
- Cannon, Marian Adelaide Morris (1861–1933). See Morris, Marian Adelaide.
- Cannon, Martha Maria (Mattie) Hughes (1857–1932). Born in Llandudno, Wales, to Elizabeth Evans and Peter Hughes, graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1880 and was a physician in Salt Lake City. She married Angus M. Cannon as his fourth wife in 1884. In 1896, she became the first woman to be elected as a state senator in the U.S. [CFHT, 230–33; Memoir 195]
- Cannon, Mary Mousley (1873–1916). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ann Amanda Mousley and Angus M. Cannon, married Frank Chamberlain in 1900. [CFHT, 226]
- Cannon, Sarah Maria Mousley (1828–1912). Born in Centerville, Delaware, to Ann McNenemy and Titus Mousley, was a graduate of a Philadelphia finishing school. She emigrated to Utah in 1857 and married Angus Munn Cannon in July 1858. She was the mother of George M. Cannon. [*Pioneer Women of Faith and Fortitude*, 494, hereinafter cited as PWFF; CFHT, 220–23; Memoir 194]
- Cannon, Wilhelmina (Mina) Mousley (1859–1941). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ann Amanda Mousley and Angus Munn Cannon, married Abraham H. Cannon in 1879 and Fred Ellis in 1901. [CFHT, 226; Memoir 195]
- Careless, Lavinia Triplett (1841–1885). Born in London, England, was the wife of George Careless and “one of the finest singers in the Territory.” She died on July 16, 1885, in Salt Lake City from the effects of poison. [*Chronology*, 122]
- Carrington, Albert (1813–1899). Born in Springfield, Illinois, to Isabella Bowman and Daniel Van Carrington, was Brigham Young's assistant counselor and secretary from 1873 until Young's death and was editor of the *Deseret Evening News* from 1854 to 1859 and 1863 to 1867. Called as an apostle in 1870 and excommunicated in 1885, he was rebaptized in 1887. [AJ, 1:126; EM, 1634]
- Chamberlin, Eliza Francis Brown. (1852–1930) Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Eliza and James Stephens Brown, married William Henry Chamberlin in 1869. [AF]
- Chamberlin, Mary (Mamie) (1876–1899). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Eliza Francis Brown and William Henry Chamberlin, was a secretary in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Primary Association. [AF]
- Chatterley, Sarah Whittaker (1841–1950). Born in Lancashire, England, to Rachel Taylor and James Whittaker, was a resident of Cedar City, Utah. She married John Chatterley in 1862. [AF; Memoir 100]
- Chatfield, Caroline C. (1819–1883). Wife of George Chatfield and a member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, died on June 26, 1883, of “dropsy.” [*Deseret Evening News*, June 26, 1883]
- Chatfield, George (1817–1886). A laborer and Mary Lois's block teacher, in which capacity he visited and received contributions from church members on a specified “block” of houses.

- Clark, Ella (1877–1920). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Emma Marilla Empey and John Clark, married Dana Tyrell Smith in 1900. [AF]
- Clark, Emma Marilla Empey (1839–1897). Born in Ontario, Canada, to Mary Ann Morgan and William Adam Empey, married John Clark in 1856. [AF]
- Clark, John (1834–1908). Born in Chilton, England, to Jane Wallace and William Clark, married Emma Marilla Empey in 1856. A member of the Salt Lake City council from 1869 to 1888, he served three terms in the Utah Legislature (1884–1888). In 1897, he was elected mayor of Salt Lake City and was ward clerk of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward for over twenty years. He was also manager of Clark, Eldredge & Co. [AJ, 1:775]
- Clawson, Ellen C. Spencer (1832–1896). Born in Saybrook, Connecticut, to Catherine Cannon Curtis and Orson Spencer, was a plural wife of Hiram Bradley Clawson and president of the Salt Lake Stake Primary Association. [Mémoir 198; AF]
- Clawson, Emily Augusta Young (1849–1926). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Emily Dow Partridge and Brigham Young, married Hiram Bradley Clawson as a plural wife in 1868. [AF]
- Clawson, Hiram Bradley (1826–1912). Born in Utica, New York, to Catherine Reese and Zephaniah Clawson, was a co-owner of Eldredge and Clawson, one of the largest firms of merchants in Salt Lake City in the 1860s. He was also the bishop of the Salt Lake Twelfth Ward. [Arrington, *Great Basin Kingdom*, 300–302; AJ, 1:629]
- Clawson, Leo Herbert (1859–?). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Alice Young and Hiram Bradley Clawson, married Lizzie S. Watson in 1885. [AF]
- Clawson, Lydia Elizabeth Spencer (1861–1941). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Jane Cutcliffe and Daniel Spencer, married Rudger Judd Clawson in 1883. [AF]
- Clawson, Rudger Judd (1857–1943). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Margaret Gay Judd and Hiram Bradley Clawson. In 1879, while preaching in Georgia, his companion, Joseph Standing, was shot by a mob. Later, after returning to Utah, he was imprisoned in 1884 for three years for practicing plural marriage and was pardoned by President Glover Cleveland in 1887. He served as an apostle of the LDS church from 1898 to 1943. [AJ, 1:174–78; EM, 1634]
- Clayton, William (1814–1879). Born in Penwortham, England, to Ann Critchlow and Thomas Clayton, served as a second counselor to Joseph Fielding in the LDS Church's British Mission. Clerk and recorder of the Nauvoo Temple, he was author of the well-known pioneer hymn, "Come, Come Ye Saints," and the treasurer of Z.C.M.I. [AJ, 1:717–18]
- Clegg, William (1823–1903). Born in Hull, Yorkshire, England, to Ann Leaf and Nathaniel Clegg, was known as the "Springville Poet," as he composed poetry and was the author of several hymns. [Carter, *Treasures of Pioneer History*, 6:183–84]
- Clive, Charlotte Hume (About 1829–1879). A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, died at age fifty on June 16, 1879, of "inflammation of the lungs." [*Deseret Evening News*, June 17, 1879]
- Clive, Claude (Claudie) (1870–?). Son of Mary Stewart Campbell and Jedediah Hume Clive. [CS; Mémoir 229]
- Cluff, Benjamin (1858–1948). Born in Provo, Utah, to Mary Ellen Foster and Benjamin Cluff, married Mary John in 1883, Harriet Cullimore in 1886, and Florence Reynolds in 1898. [AF; IGI]

- Cluff, Mary (Mollie) Jane John (1862–1934). Born in Provo, Utah, to Mary Wride and David John, married Benjamin Cluff in 1883. [AF]
- Conrad, Almyra (Mira) (1871–1886). Born in Richmond, Utah, to Clarentine Young and Jasper Conrad. [AF]
- Conrad, Clarentine (Clara) Young (1850–1882). Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Mary Ann Huntley and Joseph Young, married Jasper Conrad in 1867. [AF]
- Conrad, Jasper (1845–1917). Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to Margaret Wilkinson and David Conrad, married Clarentine Young in 1867 and Wilhelmina Crossgrove in 1884. [AF]
- Cook, Richard (?). From Manchester, England, was the bishop of the South Weber Ward in 1861 when he joined the Morrisites. He was made Joseph Morris's first counselor in 1861. [Anderson, *For Christ Will Come Tomorrow*, 65, 68]
- Cosslett, Jennette (Nett) (1848–1905). Born in Whitchurch, Wales, to Mary Ann Morgan and Joseph Cosslett, married James Thompson in 1868, whom she later divorced. The divorce may have been filed by Jennette Cosslett on April 29, 1878. She remarried in 1891 to Milton Holmes Goodridge. A friend of Mary Lois, she stayed with her briefly in 1884 and in 1885 and 1887. She is referred to in the diaries as Jennie or Aunt Nett. [AF; Salt Lake County, Utah Civil and Criminal Case Files; Memoir 237]
- Cosslett, Mary Ann Morgan (1811–1898). Born in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, to Ann and William Morgan, married Joseph Cosslett in 1838. A resident of Cedar City, Utah, she was the mother of Mary Lois's friend Jennette (Nett) Cosslett. [AF]
- Cosslett, William (1841–1902). Born in Whitchurch, Wales, to Mary Ann Morgan and Joseph Cosslett, was the brother of Mary Lois's friend Jennette Cosslett. He apparently lived in Fort Collins, Colorado. [AF]
- Crimson, Eloise (Ella) (1857–1904). Born in San Bernardino, California, to Mary Louise Tanner and George C. Crismon, married William Shipley Burton in 1879. [AF]
- Crossgrove, Wilhelmina (1862–1914). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Martha Ellen Mousley and James Ashburton Crossgrove, married Jasper Conrad in 1884. [AF]
- Cummings, James Willard (1819–1883). Born in Kennebec, Maine, to Susannah Willard and James Cummings, was the paymaster general during the Utah War and a clerk of Salt Lake County. He died May 19, 1883. [AF]
- Cunningham, Andrew (1816–1868). Born near Clarksburg, Virginia (now West Virginia), to Millie Amelia Lyons and Adam Cunningham, was bishop of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from 1853 to 1855, acting pro tem while the previous bishop served a mission to India. He served again as bishop of the Fifteenth Ward from 1859 to 1877. [Jenson, *Encyclopedic History*, 750; Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 51]
- Davis, Jemima Nightingale (1834–1884). Born in Salford, England, to Jane Archer and John Nightingale, married Edward W. Davis in 1857. A member of the Salt Lake Seventeenth Ward, he died in Salt Lake City on July 4, 1884. [Deseret Evening News, July 5, 1884; AJ, 1:394]
- Dean, Florence Ridges (1866–1942). See Ridges, Florence.
- Dean, Joseph Henry (1855–1947). Born in Taunton, England, to Catherine Knott and Joseph Dean, married Sarah Allen Arnold in 1876 and Florence Ridges in 1885. On May 14, 1887, Dean was found not guilty for the charge

- of polygamy. He later served as president of the Samoan Mission (1888–1890). [*Chronology*, 148, AJ, 4:366]
- Duncanson, Ann Whitehead (1820–1915). Born in Hurley, England, to Mary Haywood and Robert Whitehead, married James Patrick Garvey in 1846 and David Martin Duncanson in 1859. [AF; CS]
- Duncanson, David Martin (1811–1885). Born in Dunfermline, Scotland, to Amelia and William Duncanson, worked as a blacksmith and was the husband of Elizabeth Henderson and Ann Whitehead. [AF; CS]
- Duncanson, Elizabeth Henderson (1819–1890). Born in Dunfermline, Scotland, was a plural wife of David Martin Duncanson and a counselor in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Relief Society Presidency. She was president of the Fifteenth Ward Relief Society Visiting Committee while Mary Lois was a committee member. [Memoir 198; CS]
- Dunn, James Fielding, Jr. (1861–1912). Born in American Fork, Utah, to Mary Lois's old friends Hannah Fielding and James Dunn, was a merchant and a Provo city councilman from 1885 to 1886. [PPM, 851]
- Dunster, Mary Elizabeth (1856–1947). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Roberts Jones and James Dunster, married Elnathan Eldredge in 1879. [AF]
- Eccles, Andrew (1859–1931). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Spur and Henry Eccles, married Alice Elizabeth Price in 1883. [AF; Memoir 114]
- Eccles, Elizabeth (Libbie) (1863–1934). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Spur and Henry Eccles, was listed in 1880 as “learning hair dressing.” She married Oliver Robert Meredith in 1882. [CS]
- Eccles, Elizabeth Spur (1821–1881). Born in Bristol, England, to Sarah Higham and John Spur, was a neighbor of Mary Lois and the wife of Henry Eccles. [CS; AF; Memoir 114]
- Eccles, William (1847–1922). Born in Alleghany, Pennsylvania, to Elizabeth Spur and Henry Eccles, was a “mute.” [AF; Memoir 114]
- Eddington, Louise Sarah Barton (1829–1891). Born in Portsmouth, England, to Charlotte Maria Hayles and William Barton, married William Joseph Eddington in 1854. [AF; CS]
- Eddington, Rosina (Rosa) Matilda (1871–1951). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Louise Sarah Barton and William Eddington, married William David Callister in 1895. [AF]
- Edwards, Anna (Ann) Harris (1808–1882). Born in Abergwili, Wales, to Sarah Thomas and William Harris, was the wife of John E. Edwards. [AF]
- Edwards, David Samuel (1843–1908). Born in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, to Anna Harris and John E. Edwards, married Mary Jane Wagstaff in 1881. [AF]
- Edwards, Eleazar (1824–?). Born in Wales, was listed on the 1880 Utah census as a justice of the peace. He and his companion John Parry Jr. were the missionaries who first taught Elias Morris the gospel in Wales. [CS]
- Edwards, John E. (1805–1885). Born in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, to Mary Watkins and Evan Edwards, was the husband of Anna Harris. [AF]
- Eldredge, Edna Pratt (1874–1962). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Malona Pratt and Elnathan Eldridge, was the granddaughter of Ann Agatha Pratt. She married Egbert Chapman Stratford in 1894. [AF]
- Eldredge, Elnathan (1841–1931). Born in Dennis, Massachusetts, to Ruth Baker and Elnathan Eldredge, was married to Mary Lois Walker's niece, Malona Pratt, in 1870 and to Mary Elizabeth Dunster in 1879. [AF]
- Eldredge, Malona (Lona) Pratt (1850–1913). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to

- Ann Agatha Walker and Parley P. Pratt, married Elnathan Eldredge in 1870. [AF]
- Eldredge, Parley Pratt (1871–1924). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Malona Pratt and Elnathan Eldredge, married Sarah Belnap in 1897. [AF]
- Emery, Henry (Harry) (1825–1881). Born in Doncaster, England, to Frances Roads and George Emery, was a member of the Salt Lake Sixteenth Ward and manager of the shipping department of the Salt Lake–based Walker Bros. Co. [PPM, 860]
- Evans, Ahah Jane Powell (1849–1917). Born in Mayfield, England, to Jane Parkes and Joseph Powell, married Samuel Lineam Evans, a partner of Elias Morris in Morris & Evans, in 1872. [AF]
- Evans, Catherine Hughes (1861–1935). Born in Carmarthen, Wales, to Ann Hughes and John Hughes Evans, married Henry Evans Giles in 1879.
- Evans, Samuel Lineam (1823–1881). Born in Bristol, England, to Susannah Manning and Williams Evans, was a partner of Elias Morris from 1869 to 1881 in the Morris & Evans Marble, Cemetery Memorial, and Contracting Business. [Morris & Sons; AF; Memoir 170]
- Felt, Sarah Louise (Louie) Bouton (1850–1928). Born in Norwalk, Connecticut, to Mary Rebecca and Joseph Bouton, married Joseph Henry Felt in 1866. She was general president of the Primary Association from June 19, 1880, to October 6, 1925. [EM, 1636].
- Felt, Mary Louise Pile (1835–1912). Born in Bath, England, to Sarah Clark and Francis (or Alexander) Pile, married Nathaniel Henry Felt in 1856 (later divorced). She was a counselor in the Salt Lake Stake Y.L.M.I.A. [AF]
- Felt, Nathaniel Henry (1817–1887). Born in Salem, Massachusetts, to Hannah Reeves and Nathaniel Felt, was appointed an alderman of Salt Lake City in 1851 and served in the first Utah Legislature. He also worked in the grain and produce business and was a member of the Salt Lake Seventeenth Ward. He died on January 27, 1887. [AJ, 2:380; AF]
- Fenton, Francis (Francy) Marie (1861–1942). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Emma Combes and Thomas Fenton, married Arthur Benjamin William Brown in 1887. [AF]
- Fenton, Mary Ellen (1864–1911). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Emma Combes and Thomas Fenton, married John McMillan Hayes in 1887 (later divorced). [AF]
- Ferguson, Ellen B. (1844–1920). Pioneering female physician in Utah, went to New York in 1880 to study medicine and on her return helped start the Deseret Hospital. In 1886, she traveled with others to Washington, D.C., to present a memorial to Congress from the women of the LDS church protesting the Edmunds-Tucker law. [OPH, 6:379–81; 20:298]
- Field, Kate (1838–1896). Daughter of Eliza Riddle and Joseph M. Field, was an author, journalist, dramatic critic, poet, and lecturer. She visited Salt Lake City in 1883–1884 and made a study of Mormonism. This study became the basis of her popular antipolygamy lectures, which she delivered in every state between 1885 and 1890. She also appeared before a congressional committee to relate her antipolygamy views and called for the “‘dynamite of law’ to end Mormon polygamy and the power of the church that sustained and justified its practice.” [TCBD, 4:F; Gordon, *The Mormon Question*, 164, 180]
- Foster, Eliza Emma Harrison (1812–1879). Born in Leicester, England, married William Withers Foster in 1861. A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth

- Ward, she died on May 25, 1879, of "inflammation of the kidneys." [*Deseret Evening News*, May 25, 1879; AF]
- Foster, Hannah (1831–?). Born in Switzerland, was called as a visiting teacher to Mary Lois in 1881. A dressmaker, she lived one block from Mary Lois, at 116 South Third West. [CS]
- Foster, Isabella (Bell) (1863–?). Daughter of Hannah Foster. [CS]
- Fotheringham, William (1826–1913). Born in Clackmannan, Scotland, to Charlotte Gentle and John Fotheringham, was a resident of Beaver County. He served as mayor of Beaver City, as justice of the peace, and as a member of the Utah Territorial Legislature. [AJ, 2:190–92]
- Fowler, Henry Charles (1832–1884). Born in Dover, England, to Bridget Hall and John Fowler, was a bookkeeper and teacher. [PPM, 877]
- Fox, Jesse Williams (1819–1894). Born in Adams Center, New York, to Lucy Williams and Samuel Fox, was a high counselor in the Salt Lake Stake from 1878 to 1894. He worked as a surveyor at the sites for the Salt Lake, Manti, and Logan Temples, and for several towns. He also served as surveyor-general of Utah and chief engineer of the Utah Central and Utah Southern railroads. [AJ, 1:774–75]
- Free, Oliver (About 1843–1880). Born in St. Clair County, Illinois, he was a member of the Sugar House Ward. He died on August 10, 1880, at age thirty-seven in a reaper accident. [*Deseret Evening News*, August 10, 1880]
- Freeze, Mary Ann Burnham (1845–1912). Born in Nauvoo, Illinois, to Mary Ann Huntley and James Lewis Burnham, married James Perry Freeze in 1864. She served as stake president of the Salt Lake Stake Y.L.M.I.A. and as a member of the General Board of the Y.W.M.I.A. (1889–1912). [AJ, 4:260]
- Gardner, John E. (1852–1881). Born in Cardiff, Wales, to Margaret John and Henry Gardner, married Eva Thomas in 1874. He died on December 22, 1881. [AF]
- Gardner, Mary (Mollie) Jane Eliza (1855–1936). Born in Cardiff, Wales, to Margaret John and Henry Gardner, married Willard Cushing Burton in January 1881. [AF]
- Giauque, Arnold Gustave (1857–1919). Born in Berne, Switzerland, to Elizabeth Von Gunten and Aime Auguste Giauque, worked as a clerk for Morris & Evans (later Morris & Sons) and served as the company's secretary-treasurer beginning in 1893. [AF]
- Gibson, William (1809–1875). Born in Paisley, Scotland, to Catherine McFarlane and William Gibson, served a mission in Great Britain from 1841 to 1850 and was president of the St. Louis Conference from 1851 to 1853. He officiated at the marriage of John and Mary Lois Morris in September 1852 in St. Louis, Missouri. [Black, *Membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*, 18:314–19; Memoir 73]
- Giles, Catharine Hughes Evans (1861–1935). See Evans, Catherine Hughes.
- Giles, Henry Evans (1859–1938). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Hannah Evans and Thomas Davies Giles, married Catharine Hughes Evans on June 29, 1879. He served as conductor of the Provo Tabernacle Choir and as organist of the Ensign Stake and worked as manager of the Giles Engraving Company. [AJ, 2:507]
- Gill, David Richard (1838–1906). Born in Penya, Wales, to Ruth Whittock and Henry Gill, was a laborer. He married Sarah Ann Hodges in 1862 and Jacobina Mary Christensen in 1884. [CS; AF]
- Goddard, George (1813–1899). Born in Leicester, England, to Mary Grace and

- Cornelius Goddard, was a clerk to the LDS presiding bishop from 1856 to 1883, stake superintendent of the Salt Lake Sunday schools from 1877 to 1882 and assistant general superintendent of the Sunday schools from 1872 to 1899. He was also the clerk of the LDS General Conference and one of the defendants in the case brought against the LDS church by the dissatisfied heirs of Brigham Young. [AJ, 1:706–7; PPM, 892; EM, 1637; Memoir 133]
- Godwin, Hannah Booth (About 1771–1837). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, to Ann Williams and Josiah Booth, married William Godwin in 1796. She was Mary Lois's grandmother. [Memoir 5]
- Godwin, Joseph (About 1802–?). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, to Hannah Booth and William Godwin, was Mary Lois's uncle. [Memoir 5]
- Godwin, Mary (1798–1851). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, to Hannah Booth and William Godwin, was Mary Lois Walker's mother. She married William Gibson Walker on December 29, 1824. A milliner, she died in St. Louis, Missouri, on August 15, 1851, of "typhus fever" shortly after immigrating to America. [Memoir 9–63]
- Godwin, Samuel (About 1800–?). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, to Hannah Booth and William Godwin, was Mary Lois's uncle. [Memoir 5]
- Godwin, William (1771–1802) Born in England, married to Hannah Booth. Mary Lois's maternal grandfather. [Memoir 5; AF]
- Grant, Heber Jeddy (1856–1945). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Rachel Ridgeway Ivins and Jedediah M. Grant, was sustained as an apostle of the LDS church in 1882. In 1918, he became the seventh president of the LDS church, a position he held until his death in 1945. He was also a member of the Salt Lake City Council (1883–1886) and president of the State Bank of Utah and the Salt Lake Theatre Co. [Preston Nibley, *The Presidents of the Church*, 217–62, hereinafter cited as PC; PPM, 887]
- Grant, Jedediah Morgan (1816–1856). Born in Windsor, New York, to Athalia Howard and Joshua Grant, served as second counselor to LDS president Brigham Young from 1854 to 1856. His seventh wife, Rachel Ridgeway Ivins, was the mother of Heber J. Grant, seventh president of the LDS church. [EM, 1637; Memoir 91]
- Grant, Rachel Ridgeway Ivins (1821–1909). Born in Hornerstown, New Jersey, to Edith Ridgeway and Caleb Ivins, married Jedediah Morgan Grant in 1855. In 1856, she gave birth to Heber Jeddy, the seventh president of the LDS church, and nine days later her husband died. She served as president of the Salt Lake Thirteenth Ward Relief Society for thirty-five years. [AJ, 3:637–38]
- Gray, Andrew Scott (1836–1899). Born in Stow, Scotland, to Jean Brown Scott and Adam Gray, served as the first counselor in the Elder's Quorum of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward and worked as a check clerk. He was the husband of Mary Elizabeth Russell Gray. [CS]
- Gray, Mary Elizabeth Russell (1833–1905). Born near Toronto, Canada, to Mary Walton and Isaac Russell, married Andrew Scott Gray in 1862. Her last name is often written as "Grey" in Mary Lois's diary. She lived one block from Mary Lois at 126 South Third West. [CS]
- Griggs, Charles (Charlie) Ure (1871–1931). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Janette Scott Ure and Thomas Cott Griggs, married Marie Muir in 1898. [AF]
- Griggs, Charlotte Willis Foreman (1818–1881). Born in Kent, England, to James

- and Mary Ann Foreman, was the wife of Charles Griggs and a member of the Fifteenth Ward visiting committee and a Sunday school teacher. She died on November 18, 1881. [AF]
- Griggs, Janette (Net) Scott Ure (1850–1908). See Ure, Janette Scott.
- Griggs, Mary (Mollie) Ann Ferguson Price (1858–1931). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Munach Ferguson and George Washington Price, married Thomas Cott Griggs as a plural wife in 1879. [AF]
- Griggs, Thomas Cott (1845–1903). Born in Dover, England, to Charlotte Willis Foreman and Charles Griggs, was the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Sunday school superintendent and superintendent of the Fifteenth Ward co-op store on 340 West First South. He was also the Fifteenth Ward choir leader and briefly the Tabernacle Choir conductor. [AJ, 1:711–13; Memoir 153]
- Guiver, Rachel (1948–1940). Born in Terling, England, to Mary Ann Harvey and Benjamin Joseph Guiver, married Amasa Lyman Parker in 1869. [AF]
- Haddock, Sarah (1861–?). A servant in the household of James and Elizabeth Moyle. [CS]
- Hall, Cecelia Ward (1854–1930). Born in Blaina, Wales, to Sarah Arthur and Thomas Ward, married James Roberts Hall as a plural wife in 1873. [AF]
- Hall, James Roberts (1818–1897). Born in St. Agnes, England, to Mary Roberts and William Hall, was a brickmaker. [AF; CS]
- Hammond, James Thaddeus (1856–1942). Born in Farmington, Utah, to Lovisa Miller and Milton Datus Hammond, was a lawyer and Utah's first secretary of state (1895–1904). He served as clerk of the probate and county courts of Cache County from 1877 to 1883 and was a member of the Utah Territorial Legislature for three terms, beginning in 1883. [HTW, 10:34–45; AJ, 1:723]
- Hancock, Levi Ward (1803–1882). Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, to Amy Ward and Thomas Hancock, was a carpenter and cabinetmaker and one of the original First Seven Presidents of the Seventy. He was a musician in the Mormon Battalion and a representative to the Utah Legislature for three terms. [AJ, 1:188–89]
- Hardy, Leonard Wilford (1805–1884). Born in Bradford, Massachusetts, to Rhoda and Simon Hardy, was a captain of the police and a merchant and stock raiser. Served as bishop of the Salt Lake Twelfth Ward from 1851 to 1876 and as first counselor to the presiding bishop of the Church from 1856 to 1884. [AJ, 1:236–37; PPM, 918]
- Hayne, Julia Dean (1830–1868). Born in Pleasant Valley, New York, was a prominent actress (also known as Julia Dean) who came to Utah in a traveling troupe but stayed on to continue performing in Salt Lake after the troupe left. She made her debut in Salt Lake City in August 1865. [Tullidge, *History of Salt Lake City*, 751–754; Bordman, *Oxford Companion*, 172; Memoir 126]
- Hedlock, Reuben (?). President of the LDS church's British Mission from 1843 to 1845, was released and excommunicated after his involvement with the Joint Stock Co. in England. [Black, *Membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*, 47:188; *Comp. History*, 3:124–28]
- Heath, Annie Clarinda (1860–1913). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Sarah Ann Bird and Henry Heath, was the wife of James T. Beers. [AF]
- Heath, Thomas Foster (1857–1881). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Sarah Foster and Thomas Heath was a member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. He died on February 8, 1881. [IGI]

- Heywood (Hazelwood?), Cate Walker (1809–1886). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, to Elizabeth Gibson and James Walker, was Mary Lois's aunt and a "devout Methodist." She married Joseph Heywood (Hazelwood). [AF; Memoir 3, 29]
- Hickenlooper, William Hainey (1804–1888). Born in Westmoreland, Pennsylvania, to Rachel Long and Andrew Hickenlooper, was an early member of the LDS church in Nauvoo. Manager of a co-op store, he served as the bishop of the Salt Lake Sixth Ward from 1848 to 1888. [AJ, 1:607–10; PPM, 933]
- Hills, Theresa Hannah Burton (1848–1924). Born in Montana to Maria Susan Haven and Robert Taylor Burton, married Lewis Samuel Hills in 1866. She was described by Mary Lois as having played the piano well. [AF; Memoir 135]
- Hilton, Allen (1838–?). Born in England, was a teamster in the Salt Lake Twentieth Ward. [CS]
- Hiskey, Ellen (Nellie) Alexander (About 1846–?). Born in Pennsylvania, was the wife of William Frederick Hiskey and was Mary Lois's neighbor. [CS; AF]
- Hiskey, Maud M. (1871–?). Daughter of Ellen (Nellie) Alexander and William Frederick Hiskey. [CS]
- Hooper, William Henry (1813–1882). Familiarly known as "Captain Hooper," was Utah's second delegate to Congress. Director of Z.C.M.I. from 1868 to 1877 and president of Z.C.M.I. beginning in 1877, he also helped start the National Bank of Deseret. [AJ, 1:724–26]
- Horne, Mary Isabella Hales (1818–1905). Born in Rainham, England, to Mary Ann and Stephen Hales, married Henry Humphrey in 1831 and Joseph Horne in 1836. She joined the LDS church in 1836 and immigrated to Utah in 1847. She was president of the Women's Co-op Mercantile and Manufacturing Institution and president of the Salt Lake Stake Relief Society. [PWFF, 1414; AJ, 1:807–8]
- Howe, Julia Matilda Cruse (1823–1916). Born in Boxford, England, to Mary Joyce and James Cruse, married Amos Howe in 1851. She served as president of the Salt Lake Seventeenth Ward Primary Association and Y.L.M.I.A. [AJ, 2:385; AF]
- Howells, Benjamin Francis (1864–1887). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ann Evans Francis and Thomas Price Howells. [AF]
- Howells, Thomas Francis (1854–1918). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ann Evans Francis and Thomas Price Howells, was a schoolteacher for the Salt Lake Fifteenth District School. He escorted Addie Morris to several events in 1880. He married Mary Bratton Parrish in 1881. [AF; Memoir 193]
- Howells, Thomas Price (1831–1883). Born in Penderyn, Wales, to Gwenllian Price and John Howell, was a member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. He died on October 17, 1883, from "inflammation of the bowels, with congestion of kidneys." [*Deseret Evening News*, October 18, 1883]
- Hunter, Edward (1793–1883). Born in Pennsylvania to Hannah Maris and Edward Hunter, served as the third presiding bishop of the LDS church from 1851 until his death in 1883. [AJ, 1:227–32; EM, 1639]
- Huntington, Dimick B. (1808–1879). Born in Watertown, New York, was a member of the Mormon Battalion and an Indian interpreter. He played a prominent part at the 1868 conference between Native Americans and white officials and settlers that ended the Black Hawk War. [AJ, 4:748–49]
- Hyde, Orson (1805–1878). Born in New Haven, Connecticut, to Sally Thorpe

- and Nathan Hyde, was called as an LDS apostle in 1835, dropped from the Quorum in May 1839, restored as an apostle of the LDS church in June 1839. He served a mission in England in the 1840s. [EM, 1639]
- Isaac, Mary Jones (1843–1908). Born in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, married Benjamin Isaac in 1870 and was a resident of Spanish Fork, Utah. [AF; CS]
- James, Jane Humphreys (1831–1882). Born in Shrewsbury, England, to Jane Hill and Henry Humphreys, married David James in 1853 as his first wife. A member of the Salt Lake Seventh Ward, she died on September 10, 1882, of “chronic indigestion.” [*Deseret Evening News*, September 11, 1882]
- Jenks, Mary Orne (1800–?). Born in Salem, Massachusetts, to Annis Pullen and John Jenks, was the sister-in-law of Mary Lois’s employer in St. Louis, Mary Grizwell Haven Jenks. [Memoir 54–59; AF]
- Jenks, Mary Grizwell Haven (About 1813–?). Born in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, to Prudence Hayden Griswold and Charles Chauncey Haven. Mary Lois worked as her domestic servant in St. Louis, Missouri in 1850 and 1851. At the time Mary Lois worked for her, she was the widow of Horace Howard Jenks. [Memoir 54–59; AF]
- Jenks, Horace Howard (1807–?). Born in Salem, Massachusetts, to Annis Pullen and John Jenks, died before 1850, when Mary Lois worked as a domestic servant for his widowed wife, Mary Grizwell Haven Jenks. [Memoir 54; AF]
- Jennings, Priscilla Paul (1838–1918). Born in Kenwyn, England, to Elizabeth Goyne and William Paul, married Williams Jennings as his second wife in 1855. [AF; Memoir 146]
- Jennings, William (1823–1886). Born in Yardley, England, to Jane Thornton and Isaac Jennings, was a leading merchant in Utah and mayor of Salt Lake City from 1882 to 1884. He was generally said to have been Utah’s first millionaire. Served as vice president of Z.C.M.I., vice president of the Utah Central Railroad Company, and president of the Utah Southern Railroad Company. He also started one of the largest mercantile stores in Utah, the Eagle Emporium, a precursor to Z.C.M.I. [Alexander and Allen, *Mormons & Gentiles*, 101–3; AJ, 2:500–505; Memoir 133]
- Jenson, Andrew (1850–1941). Born in Denmark to Kirsten Andersen and Christian Jenson, was a member of the Quorum of the Seventy and author of several historical books documenting the LDS church. Served as the assistant church historian beginning in 1891 and later as the church historian. [AJ, 1:261–63; AF]
- Jeremy, Thomas Evans (1815–1891). Born in Llanegwad, Wales, to Sarah Evans and Thomas Jeremy, presided over the LDS church’s Welsh Mission from 1860 to 1863. He was also a patriarch and a farmer. [AJ, 2:651–53; PPM, 966]
- John, David (1833–1908). Born in Little Newcastle, Wales, to Mary Williams and Daniel John, was a resident of Provo, Utah. He served as president of the Salt Lake Stake beginning in 1901 and as superintendent of the Utah Stake Sunday schools. He had two wives, Mary Wride and Jane Cree. [*Chronology*, 133; AJ, 1:488–91]
- John, Martha (Mattie) Ann (1864–1927). Born in Provo, Utah, to Mary Wride and David John, married David Joseph Williams in 1883. [AF]
- John, Mary Wride (1831–1905). Born in Glamorganshire, Wales, to Ann Davies and Danson Wride, was the wife of David John and a resident of Provo. She served as president of her ward’s Relief Society and vice president of the Utah County Woman’s Suffrage Association. [PWFF, 1573]

- Johnson, Andrew Smith (1853–1882). Son of Lavina and Joseph W. Johnson, was the husband of Elizabeth Walker. He died on November 13, 1882, of “consumption.” [*Deseret Evening News*, November 13, 1882]
- Johnson, Lavina (1811–?). Born in Indiana. On the 1880 census, she is listed as being married but is not listed with a husband, most likely because she was a plural wife. [CS; Memoir 132]
- Johnson, Lucy Annie Salisbury (1850–1885). Born in Wayne, New York, to Sarah Holder and Benjamin Salisbury, was the first of William Derby Johnson Jr.’s five wives. [AF]
- Johnson, William Derby, Jr. (1850–1910). Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Jane C. Brown and William D. Johnson Sr., served as bishop of the Kanab Ward from 1877 to 1884, as a counselor in the Kanab Stake Presidency from 1884 to 1887, and as bishop of the Diaz, Mexico, Ward from 1887 to 1911. [AJ, 4:500]
- Jones, Barbara Elizabeth Morris (1834–1892). See Morris, Barbara Elizabeth.
- Jones, Charles Croxson (1836–1882). Born in Ruabon, Wales, to Ann and Richard Jones, married Elizabeth Parry in 1863. [AF]
- Jones, Elias Morris (1866–1938). Born in Goshen, Utah, to Barbara Elizabeth Morris and William Price Jones, was a mason. He married Myra Lenore Thomas in 1899. [AF; CS]
- Jones, Hortense Mary Lang (1859–1931). Born in Geneva, Switzerland, to Louise Josephine Laporte and John Daniel Lang, married George Leadley Martin Jones in 1882. She was a counselor in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Primary Presidency in 1884 while Mary Lois was primary president. [Memoir 198; AF]
- Jones, James Samuel (1860–1938). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Sarah Ann Wright and William Roberts Jones, married Annie Maria Sims in 1885. [AF; Memoir 151]
- Jones, Jedediah (Jeddie) M. (1858–?). Son of Barbara Elizabeth Morris and William Price Jones. [AF; Memoir 115]
- Jones, Mary (1854–?) A servant in the Jedediah H. Clive household. [CS; Memoir 229]
- Jones, Nathaniel Vary (1850–1921). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Rebecca Burton and Nathaniel Vary Jones, was a tax collector and deputy sheriff in Salt Lake County from 1875 to 1886 and a lawyer. He married Barbara Elizabeth Morris as a plural wife in 1890 in Colonia Juarez, Mexico. He was a counselor in the bishopric of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from 1877 to 1890. [AJ, 2:453; PPM, 975; Memoir 197]
- Jones, Patience Mary Jane (1868–1950). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Sarah Ann Wright and William Roberts Jones, married Thomas William Sims in 1895. [AF; Memoir 151]
- Jones, Rebecca (Becky/Becca) Elizabeth (About 1860–?). Born in Cedar City, Utah, to Barbara Elizabeth Morris and William Price Jones, described in the 1860 census as age five months. [Memoir 115; AF]
- Jones, Sarah Ann Wright (1829–1915) Born in Stockport, England, to Elizabeth Adamson and James Wright, married to William Roberts Jones. [Memoir 148; AF]
- Jones, William Price (1830–1907). Born in Birmingham, England, to Lucy Price and William Shenton Jones, married Elias Morris’s sister Barbara Elizabeth Morris (his second wife) in 1857. [AF]
- Jones, William Richard (1857–1941). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Sarah Ann

- Wright and William Roberts Jones, was a painter. He went on a mission to Great Britain from September 1880 to November 1882 and married Jessie Lucetta Penrose in 1883. [Memoir 151]
- Jones, William Roberts (1821–1906). Born in Stockport, England, to Betty Roberts and Samuel Jones. [AF; Memoir 146]
- Judd, Teresa Hastings (1812–1881). Born in Turin, New York, to Margaret Gay and George Washington Hastings, joined the LDS church in 1836 and was the wife of Thomas A. Judd. A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, she is listed on the 1880 census as a “doctress.” She died February 20, 1881. [PWFF, 1633]
- Kane, Thomas Leiper (1822–1883). Son of Jane Duval Leiper and Judge John K. Kane, was a major general in the Civil War and a prominent non-Mormon friend of the LDS church. In 1846 he used his political connections to help gain the military contract for the Mormon Battalion, which provided much needed financial resources for the journey West. In 1858 during the Utah War, Kane helped broker a peaceful settlement between federal troops and Mormon inhabitants of Utah. [Arrington, *Mormon Experience*, 98–99, 168; TCBD, 6:K]
- Kesler, Frederick (1816–1899). Born in Meadville, Pennsylvania, to Mary Sarah Lindsay and Frederick Kesler, joined the LDS church in 1840 and served as the bishop of the Salt Lake Sixteenth Ward from 1856 to 1899. He worked as a millwright and superintended the building of mills by the LDS church. [AJ, 1:643–44]
- Kimball, Heber Chase (1801–1868). Born in Sheldon, Vermont, to Anna Spaulding and Solomon Farnham Kimball, was called as an apostle of the LDS church in 1835 and served as first counselor to Brigham Young from 1847 to 1868. [EM, 1640; AJ, 1:34–37; Memoir 127]
- Kimball, Lizzie (1859–?). Born in Holland, she was the adopted daughter of Sarah M. Kimball. A friend of Addie Morris, she lived at 74 South Second West. [CS]
- Kimball, Sarah Melissa Granger (1818–1898). Born in Phelps, New York, to Lydia Dibble and Oliver Granger, was a member of the first Relief Society of the LDS church in Nauvoo, Illinois. She served as Relief Society President of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward beginning in 1857 and served as president of the Utah Suffrage Association and as a member of the Utah Constitutional Convention of 1882. In 1880, she was chosen to serve as secretary in the Relief Society General Presidency. A widow, she lived at 74 South Second West. [AJ, 2:372–74, 4:190; CS; Memoir 154]
- King, Edward James (1863–1886). Born in London, England she worked as a moulder. [CS]
- Lambert, George Cannon (1848–1917). Born in Winter Quarters, Nebraska, to Mary Alice Cannon and George Lambert, worked on the *Juvenile Instructor* and *Deseret News* beginning in 1866 and was manager of the *Deseret News* from 1884 to 1892. He was also the president and manager of Lambert Paper Company, Lambert Manufacturing Co., and Lambert Roofing Co. [AJ, 1:612–13; PPM, 994]
- Lambert, Mary Alice Cannon (1828–1920). Daughter of Ann Quayle and George Cannon, was the wife of Charles Lambert, a stonecutter. She served as president of the Salt Lake Seventh Ward Relief Society for twenty-two years. [PWFF, 1706]
- Lambert, Rosina (Rosa) Matthews Cannon (1852–1939). Born in Nottingham,

- England, was the adopted daughter of Elizabeth Hoagland and George Q. Cannon. She married George Cannon Lambert in 1872. [AF]
- Langford, Jeremiah Euchlet (1848–1919). Born in Rome, Georgia, to Mary Jane Jackson and Jeremiah Euchlet Langford, was the manager of the Salt Lake and Los Angeles Railroad and Saltair Beach. He married Sarah Ellen Olson in 1880. [AJ, 2:537; AF]
- Langtry, Lillie (1853–1929). Daughter of a minister on the English island of Jersey, “married into London society and became one of the first Englishwomen from that society to embark on a stage career.” A great beauty, she was “not always careful of the proprieties of the time” and her affairs with men such as the Prince of Wales made her into a celebrity. Her American theatrical debut in 1882 was followed by a number of other American visits. [Bordman, *Oxford Companion*, 415]
- Latimer, Edward Thomas Hunter (1880–1881). Son of Amelia Spencer Hunter and William Lafayette Edward Latimer, died on October 13, 1881, at age one year, six months. [CS]
- Ledingham, Alexander Morris (1830–1904). Born in Aberdeen, Scotland, to Mary Morris and Alexander Ledingham, was a coppersmith. [CS; AF]
- Lewis, Catherine Evans (1819–1884). Born in London, England, to Mary James and Evan Evans, married Phillip Lewis in 1845. A resident of Sandy, Utah, she died on October 6, 1884. [AF; *Deseret Evening News*, October 7, 1884]
- Lewis, James Shadrach (About 1829–?). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was a shoemaker and the husband of Elizabeth Williams. He was also Mary Lois’s block teacher and a deacon’s quorum leader in the Fifteenth Ward. [CS]
- Lewis, Walter Joseph (1854–1924). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ann Evans and William Lewis, was a printer and the manager of the *Deseret News* book store. [CS]
- Lindsay, Cora May (1864–1960). Born in Morgantown, North Carolina, to Martha Jane Fullwood and Henry Patrick Lindsay, married Edward Treharne Ashton, Effie Morris’s husband, as a plural wife on December 6, 1883. [AF]
- Lindsay, Henry Patrick (1829–1902). Born in North Carolina to Elizabeth and James Lindsay. His daughter Cora May was the second wife of Edward Treharne Ashton. [AF; Memoir 199]
- Lindsay, Robert Gordon (1866–About 1908). Born in Bridgewater, North Carolina, to Martha Jane Fullwood and Henry Patrick Lindsay. [AF]
- Liston, C. P. (?–1879). Died in Woodruff, Arizona, on January 26, 1879.
- Little, Feramorz (1820–1887). Born in Aurelius, New York, to Susan Young and James M. Little, was mayor of Salt Lake City for three terms, beginning in 1876. While he was mayor, the Salt Lake and Jordan Canal was constructed, the waterworks were extended, and Liberty Park and Pioneer Square were purchased. He later served as director and vice president of Deseret National Bank. [AJ, 2:485–87]
- Littlefield, Lyman Omer (1819–1893). Born in Oneida, New York, to Sarah Mary Thompson and Waldo Littlefield, was a member of Zion’s Camp in 1833 and went on a mission to Great Britain from 1847 to 1848. [Black, *Membership of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints*, 28:285–87]
- Lockwood, Belva Ann Bennett (1830–1917). Daughter of Hannah Green and Lewis J. Bennett, was the first female lawyer admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States. She was nominated as a candidate for president of the United States by the Equal Rights Party in 1884 and 1888. She lectured on temperance and women’s suffrage. [TCBD, 6:L]

- Loveridge, Clara Pratt (1841–1928). Born in La Porte, Indiana, married Ledru C. Loveridge as his second wife in 1877 and was a resident of Provo. [AF; Memoir 233]
- Loveridge, Ledru C. (1848–1919). Born in England to Sarah Ann Prothero and Charles Loveridge, was a foreman for Provo Lumber, Manufacturing & Building Co. He was a resident of the First Ward in southeast Provo, living on the northeast corner of I Street and First. Mary Lois and Kate Morris stayed with his family while in hiding in Provo. [AF; CS; Memoir 233; *R.L. Polk & Co.'s Directory of Provo* (1890), 71]
- Loveridge, Sarah Lunn (1850–1937). Born in Upton, England, to Harriot Cookson and John Lunn, married Ledru C. Loveridge as his first wife in 1869 and was a resident of Provo. [AF]
- Lufkin, Marion Davis (1869–1920). Born in St. George, Utah, to Martha Ann Townsend and George Washington Lufkin, married Douglas Todd in 1890. [AF; CS]
- Lufkin, Vernie (Verry) Isabell (1871–1896). Born in Nevada to Martha Ann Townsend and George Washington Lufkin, married Samuel Thatcher in 1894. [AF; Memoir 198]
- Lunt, Ellen Whittaker (1830–1903). Born in Heywood, England, to Rachel Taylor and James Whittaker, was the wife of Bishop Henry Lunt. She was a friend of Mary Lois when she lived in Cedar City. [Memoir 100]
- Lunt, Henry (1824–1902). Born in Chester, England, to Anne Owen and Randle Lunt, was a farmer and bishop of the Cedar City Ward. His wives Ellen W. Lunt and Mary Ann Wilson Lunt were friends of Mary Lois when she lived in Cedar City. In 1887, because of antipolygamy prosecutions, he went into exile, spending most of the rest of his life in Mexico. [Memoir 100; AJ, 3:446–47]
- Lunt, Mary Ann Wilson (1834–1910). Born in Carlisle, England, to Martha Phillips and William M. Wilson, married Henry Lunt in 1857. She was a friend of Mary Lois in Cedar City. [Memoir 100; AF]
- Lyman, Francis Marion (1840–1916). Born in Good Hope, Illinois, to Maria Louisa Tanner and Amasa Mason Lyman, was a tax assessor and county clerk and recorder. He served as a member of the Sunday School Union Board and as an apostle of the LDS church from 1880 to 1916. [AJ, 1:136–37; PPM, 1016; EM, 1641]
- MacFarlane, Ann Chatterley (1837–1926). Born in Salford, England, to Nancy Morton and Joseph Chatterley, married John Menzies MacFarlane in 1854. She was a friend of Mary Lois during her residency in Cedar City. [AF; Memoir 100]
- MacFarlane, John Menzies (1833–1892). Born in Nephi, Utah, to Annabella Sinclair and John MacFarlane, was a friend of Mary Lois during her residency in Cedar City. [AF; Memoir 100]
- Maeser, Karl Gottfried (1828–1901). Born in Meissen, Germany, to Johanna Zocher and Johann Gottfried Maeser, was second assistant in the LDS church's General Sunday School Presidency from 1894 to 1899 and was first assistant from 1899 to 1901. An educator, who served as principal of Brigham Young Academy in Provo, Utah, beginning in 1875, he also served as general superintendent of the LDS church school system. Mary Lois most likely knew him as early as 1860 when he served as the teacher of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward school. [EM, 1641; Memoir 230, 235]
- Maiben, Henry (1819–1883). Born in Brighton, England, to Catherine Cater and

- William Maiben. A member of the Salt Lake Eighteenth Ward, he died on October 8, 1883, of "pneumonia." [*Deseret Evening News*, October 8, 1883]
- Mansfield, Charles (?). Born in Salem, Massachusetts, was the captain of the *Josiah Bradley*, the ship in which Mary Lois and her parents traveled to America. He was "popular" with the Mormons who emigrated on his ship. [Sonne, *Ships, Saints, and Mariners*, 123–24]
- Mason, Camilla Ensign (1861–1941). Born in San Francisco, California, to Clarissa Cordelia Moses Mason (who later married Angus Munn Cannon) and William Henry Mason. She married David Henry Cannon Jr. in 1885. [AF]
- Mathews, Thomas (1801–1880). A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, died on October 19, 1880, "of old age." [*Deseret Evening News*, October 19, 1880]
- Maughan, Lavinia Charlotte Parry (1857–1902). See Parry, Lavinia Charlotte.
- McAllister, John Daniel Thomas (1827–1910). Born in Lewis, Delaware, to Elizabeth Thompson and William James McAllister, was the chief of the Salt Lake City Fire Department and president of the St. George Stake from 1877 to 1888. [AJ, 1:334–36]
- McDonald, Ann (?–1883). Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, to Barbara Simpson and Charles McDonald, was a member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. She died on February 20, 1883, of "apoplexy." [*Deseret Evening News*, February 21, 1883]
- McKean, Theodore (1829–1897). Born in Allentown, New Jersey, to Margaret Ivins and Washington McKean, was appointed a Seventy in 1859 and in 1860 was appointed marshal for the territory of Utah. From 1862 to 1879 he served as tax collector for Utah, and from 1876 to 1883 he was the sheriff of Salt Lake County. [AJ, 2:374–77]
- McKenzie, David (1833–1912). Born in Scotland to Elizabeth White and David McKenzie, worked as Brigham Young's private secretary beginning in 1868 and then as chief clerk of the President's Office. In 1884, he began to keep the LDS church's books. [AJ, 2:670–71; Memoir 132]
- McMurrin, Joseph William (1858–1932). Born in Tooele, Utah, to Margaret Leaing and Joseph McMurrin, was working as a night watchman at the LDS Church Tithing Office when he came across Deputy U.S. Marshal Henry F. Collin in an alleyway on the night of November 28, 1885. The two men had previously argued about the subpoenaing of witnesses for the unlawful cohabitation case against McMurrin's father. Meeting him in the dark, McMurrin struck the deputy, who then shot him twice in the stomach. Despite severe injuries, McMurrin survived and served as a Seventy of the LDS church from 1897 to 1932. [*Comp. History*, 6:162–64; AJ, 1:216–18; BRSL, 126–29]
- Miller, Jane (About 1848–1879). Wife of David Miller, died on January 4, 1879, at the age of thirty-one "of arsenical poisoning from inhaling impure gases eliminated from burning coals." [*Deseret Evening News*, January 4, 1879]
- Mitchell, Benjamin Thomas (1816–1880). Born in Pennsylvania to Anna and Abraham Mitchell, served as bishop of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from 1856 to 1859. He worked with Brigham Young and Truman Angell on the plans for the Salt Lake Temple and had responsibility over the stonemasonry for the Temple. [AJ, 2:369–70, Jenson, *Encyclopedic History*, 750]
- Morgan, Effie Mable (1878–1959). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Margaret Jane Turner and Joseph Rehoboam Morgan, married James Rigby in 1909. [AF]

- Morgan, Emma Zilpah (1871–1951). Born in Fairfield, Utah, to Mary Margaret Jane Turner and Joseph Rehoboam Morgan, married Thomas George Gill in 1892. [AF]
- Morgan, Evan (1796–1881). Born in Wales, was the husband of Mary Richards and Mary Jones. [AF]
- Morgan, Frederick Willard (1863–1938). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Margaret Jane Turner and Joseph Rehoboam Morgan, was a trunk maker and Mary Lois's block teacher. He was also a counselor in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Y.M.M.I.A. Presidency. [AJ, 4:640; CS]
- Morgan, John Hamilton (1842–1894). Born in Greensburg, Indiana, to Ann Eliza Hamilton and Gerrard Morgan, served in the Union army during the Civil War, after which he came to Utah. He was baptized in 1867 in Salt Lake City and in 1878 was called to preside over the LDS church's Southern States Mission. He also served in the Utah legislature and as a Seventy of the LDS church (1884–1894). [AJ, 1:204–5; EM, 1642]
- Morgan, Joseph Rehoboam (1835–1920). Born in Gloucestershire, England, to Elizabeth Beddis and Samuel Morgan, was a salesman and packer at Z.C.M.I. and an assistant to the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Sunday school superintendent. He served as first counselor under Elias Morris in the Fifteenth Ward Bishopric from 1890 to 1898 and as bishop of the Fifteenth Ward from 1898 to 1904. He was also a member of the Tabernacle Choir for twenty-five years. [AJ, 1:639; PPM, 1044; Jenson, *Encyclopedic History*, 750]
- Morgan, Mary Margaret Jane (Jane) Turner (1841–1923). Born in Presbury, England, to Maria Simmons and James Moses Turner, married Joseph Rehoboam Morgan in 1862. [AF]
- Morris, Albert Conway (1874–1904). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was the fifth son of Elias Morris and his first wife, Mary Parry. [AF]
- Morris, Barbara Elizabeth (1834–1892). Born in Abergele, Wales, to Barbara Thomas and John Morris, was Mary Lois's sister-in-law. She married William Price Jones on August 21, 1857. [AF; Mary C. Swan Badger, "History of Barbara Elizabeth Morris (Swan) (Jones)"; Memoir 75]
- Morris, Barbara Elizabeth (1853–1937). Born in Cedar City, Utah, to Mary Parry and Elias Morris, married William Thomson Kenneth Swan in 1876 and Nathaniel Vary Jones in 1890. She lived two houses from Mary Lois at 226 S. Third West. [CS; AF]
- Morris, Barbara Thomas (1793–1866). Born in Talhairne, Wales, to Catherine Vaughan and John Thomas, married John Morris in 1814 and was the mother of Mary Lois's two husbands, John Thomas Morris and Elias Morris. [AF; Memoir 75]
- Morris, Catherine Vaughan (1868–1871). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Nancy Cook and William Vaughan Morris, died on December 8, 1871. [AF]
- Morris, Diantha Empey (1848–1928). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Ann Morgan and William Adam Empey, married William C. Morris, Mary Lois's nephew, in 1868. [AF; Memoir 195]
- Morris, Effie Walker (1859–1929). Born in Cedar City, Utah, to Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was their oldest daughter and first child. She married Edward Treharne Ashton on April 4, 1878, at the age of nineteen. She served as the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Relief Society president from March 1908 to December 1916 and was the grandmother of LDS apostle Marvin J. Ashton. [EALF, 30–37]

- Morris, Elias (1825–1898). Born in Llanfair, Denbighshire, Wales, to Barbara Thomas and John Morris, married Mary Parry in 1852 and Mary Lois Walker in 1856. Elias Morris was a partner in Morris & Evans, a contracting, masonry, and construction business, from 187[?] to 1881 and from 1881 was the head of Morris & Sons, which specialized in building smelters, furnaces, and mills for mines throughout the region. He served as the bishop of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from 1890 to 1898. When the diary begins in 1879, he lived half the time with his first wife, Mary Parry, at 230 South Third West and half the time with his second wife Mary Lois at 236 South Third West. [AJ, 1:636–39; BRSL, 436–437; Elias Morris, “Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris”; Lowell Young Morris, “Biographical Sketch of Elias Morris”; Tullidge, *History of Salt Lake City*, 152–54; Morris & Sons]
- Morris, Elias Parry (1859–1916). Born in Cedar City, Utah, was the oldest living son of Mary Parry and Elias Morris. A mason, he lived next door to his parents at 226 South Third West. [CS]
- Morris, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ann (1861–1939). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Rowland Williams and Isaac Conway Morris, married William Dewilton Rollins in 1883. [AF]
- Morris, Elizabeth Williams Davis (1847–1906). Born in Glamorganshire, Wales, to Mary Ann Williams and James Davies, married Hugh Conway Morris, the younger brother of Elias and John T. Morris, in 1868. [AF]
- Morris, Ernest Edwin (1872–1949). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was the youngest living son of Mary Parry and Elias Morris. [AF; Memoir 162–63]
- Morris, Frank Conway (Oct. ?–Oct. 19, 1879). Son of Lavinia Robins and Richard Vaughan Morris [Diary, October 31, 1879].
- Morris, George Quayle (1874–1962). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was their fourth son (youngest surviving son) and sixth child. He served an LDS mission in Great Britain from 1899 to 1902 and married Emma Marion Ramsey, a singer and performer, in 1905. He also served as president of the LDS church’s Eastern States Mission from 1848 to 1952 and as president of the Y.M.M.I.A. from 1937 to 1948. Called as an assistant to the Quorum of the Twelve in 1951, he was an apostle of the LDS church from 1954 to 1962. [AJ, 2:367–68, 4:244–45; EM, 1642; Pardoe, *The Sons of Brigham*, 152–55; Memoir 171–172]
- Morris, Hannah (Nonnie) Barbara (1866–1931). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Nancy Cook and William Vaughan Morris, married Daniel Parker in 1887. [AF]
- Morris, Hannah Hinchliffe Midgley (1828–1892). Born in Almondbury, England, to Ellen Hinchliffe and Thomas Midgley, married William Vaughan Morris, Elias Morris’s brother, in 1856, becoming Mary Lois’s sister-in-law. Her husband died in 1878. [AF; Memoir 130]
- Morris, Harriet (Hattie) Cecelia Jones (1848–1917). Born in Nishnabotna, Missouri, to Rebecca Maria Burton and Nathaniel Vary Jones, married Richard Vaughan Morris in 1868. Referred to by Mary Lois as “Aunt Hattie,” she was Mary Lois’s sister-in-law. [AF]
- Morris, Hugh Conway (1837–1900). Born in Abergele, Wales, to Barbara Thomas and John Morris, was the younger brother of Elias and John T. Morris. He married Elizabeth Williams Davis in 1868. [AF; Memoir 75]
- Morris, Isaac Conway (1793–1875). Born in Llanfair, Denbighshire, Wales, to Sarah and William Morris, came to Utah in 1853. He was Elias Morris’s first cousin and the husband of Elizabeth Rowland Williams. [PPM, 1045]

- Morris, Isaac Conway (1859–1945). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Rowland Williams and Isaac Conway Morris, married Sarah E. Stewart in 1890. His father, Isaac Conway Morris, was Elias Morris's first cousin. [AF]
- Morris, Jessie Pearl (1876–1878). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Parry and Elias Morris, died at age two on August 16, 1878. [AF]
- Morris, John (1794–1871). Born in Fodynban, Llanfair, Wales, to Elizabeth Conway and John Morris. A builder and contractor, he was the father of Mary Lois's husbands, John Thomas Morris and Elias Morris. [Howe, "Elias Morris: Pioneer of 1852"; AF]
- Morris, John Conway (1863–1868). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was their oldest son and third child. He died in May 1868 at age four from a fire. [Memoir 123–48]
- Morris, John (Jonnie) Parry (1870–1922). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was the third son of Mary Parry and Elias Morris. [AF; Memoir 235]
- Morris, John Thomas (1828–1855). Born in Llanfair, Denbighshire, Wales, to Barbara Thomas and John Morris, married Mary Lois Walker as her first husband on September 5, 1852, in St. Louis, Missouri. A painter, John died at the age of twenty-seven in Cedar City, Utah, on February 20, 1855. He and Mary Lois had one son, John Walker Morris (1854–1855), who died at the age of three months. [Memoir 66–98; AF]
- Morris, John Walker (1854–1855). Only child of Mary Lois Walker and John Thomas Morris. He was born on October 17, 1854, in Salt Lake City, Utah, and died at age three months on February 2, 1855, in Cedar City, Utah. [Memoir 92–94; AF]
- Morris, Joseph (1849–1862). Joined the LDS church in 1849 and emigrated to Utah in 1853. On April 6, 1861, Morris started his own church with a following of Mormons from South Weber. The church, which was centered at Kington Fort in Weber, grew to as many as five or six hundred members. In 1862, when dissenters were imprisoned in Kington Fort, government officials went to the fort to investigate. The Morrisites refused to give themselves up, and a battle ensued in which several Morrisites, including Joseph Morris, were killed. [*Comp. History*, 5:39–48; Anderson, *Joseph Morris and the Saga of the Morrisites*, 1–145]
- Morris, Josephine (Josie) Edna (1879–1952). Born on October 22, 1879, in Salt Lake City, Utah, was the youngest of Mary Parry and Elias Morris's twelve children. She married George Goff in 1905. [AF]
- Morris, Katherine Vaughan (1876–1930). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was their third daughter and seventh child (youngest surviving child). She married George Mousley Cannon as a plural wife on August 7, 1901. [AF]
- Morris, Lavinia Robins (About 1843–1931). Born in Abergele, Wales, to John Robins, married Richard Vaughan Morris, Elias Morris's brother, in 1868. [AF; CS]
- Morris, Louise (Louie) Gould (1878–1885). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Harriet (Hattie) Cecelia Jones and Richard Vaughan Morris. [AF]
- Morris, Marian Adelaide (Addie) (1861–1933). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was their second child and second daughter. She married George Mousley Cannon on December 25, 1884, and in 1890 lived at 129 South First West. She served as Relief Society President of the Forest Dale Ward for seventeen years. ["Obituary of Marian A. Morris Cannon"]

- Morris, Martha Ann Hailstone (1862–1958). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Moller Ann and William Hailstone, married Thomas Conway Morris, a nephew of Mary Lois, in 1880. [AF]
- Morris, Mary Ella (Nellie) (1862–1954). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Parry and Elias Morris, was their fifth child. [AF]
- Morris, Mary Lois Walker (1835–1919). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, on May 14, 1835, to Mary Godwin and Charles Walker. With her parents, she emigrated from England in 1850 to St. Louis, Missouri. She married John Thomas Morris on September 5, 1852, and traveled with him to the Salt Lake Valley. Her husband, John, died in 1855, and in 1856 she became the second wife of his older brother Elias Morris. She served as president of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Primary Association from 1884 to 1896 and was a member of the stake primary presidency beginning in 1896.
- Morris, Mary Parry (1834–1919). Born in Newmarket, Flint, Wales, to Elizabeth and John Parry, married Elias Morris as his first wife on May 23, 1852, at Council Bluffs, Iowa. The couple had twelve children. She lived at 230 South Third West. [“A Sketch of the Life of Mary Parry Morris”; AF]
- Morris, Nancy Cook (1833–1909). Born in Lancaster County, England, to Agnes Whittle and Seth Cook, married William Vaughan Morris, Elias Morris’s brother, as a plural wife in 1862, becoming Mary Lois’s sister-in-law. Her husband died in 1878. [AF; Memoir 160]
- Morris, Nephi Lowell (1870–1943). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was their second son (oldest surviving son) and fourth child. He ran for governor twice, on the Progressive ticket in 1912 and on the Republican slate in 1916. He also served as a member of the Utah Legislature and as president of the Salt Lake Stake from 1904 to 1929. He was a counselor in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward bishopric from 1898 and a member of the Y.M.M.I.A. General Board from 1898 to 1912. He was president of Morris & Sons Co., Deseret Building Society, and Utah Concrete Pipe Company. He married Harriet Young in 1907. [AJ, 1:639–40; PPM, 1045; BRSL, 458]
- Morris, Priscilla (1862–1933). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Rowland Williams and Isaac Conway Morris, married John Henry Meranda in 1893. [AF]
- Morris, Ray Godwin (1872–1873). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, on June 20, 1872, to Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was their third son and fifth child. He died on February 20, 1873, at the age of eight months. [Memoir 161–66; AF]
- Morris, Richard Phillips (1855–1925). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Hannah Phillips and Richard Vaughan Morris, was Salt Lake City treasurer from 1897 to 1902 and mayor of Salt Lake City from 1904 to 1905. He was also a telegraph operator for twenty-five years and a director of the Farmers & Stockgrowers Bank, Merchants Bank, and Dinwoodey Furniture Company. [PPM, 1045; AJ, 4:727]
- Morris, Richard Vaughan (1830–1882). Born in Abergele, Wales, to Barbara Thomas and John Morris, was the younger brother of Elias and John T. Morris. He was a stonecutter and bookkeeper and the bishop of the Salt Lake Nineteenth Ward (1877–1882). He was also secretary of the Deseret Telegraph Company, auditor of the Utah Central Railroad, and president of the Utah Soap Factory. The husband of Hannah Phillips, Harriet C. Jones, and Lavinia Robins, he died March 16, 1882, in Salt Lake City, Utah. [PPM, 1045; AJ, 1:675–76]

- Morris, Richard Vaughan (July 20, 1882). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Lois Walker and Elias Morris, was their fifth son and eighth child. Their last child, he died on the day of his birth. [AF; Memoir 186–87]
- Morris, Rosa Frances (Fancy) (1864–1946). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, as the sixth and youngest daughter of Mary Parry and Elias Morris. She married James A. Brown in 1889. [AF]
- Morris, Sarah Elizabeth Henderson (1844–1908). Born in Andrew County, Missouri, to Mary McFadden and David Eaton Henderson, married Isaac Conway Morris in 1865 and Anthony Heiner in 1873. Isaac Conway Morris was a cousin of Mary Lois's husband, Elias Morris, and this relationship is no doubt why Mary Lois refers to Sarah as "Aunt." [AF]
- Morris, Sarah (Sallie) Isaac (1854–1895). Born in Llandourer, Wales, to Pheobe (Phoebe) Davis and Benjamin Isaac, married Richard Phillips Morris, a nephew of Mary Lois, in 1879. [AF]
- Morris, Thomas Conway (1858–1911). Born in Cedar City, Utah, to Hannah Hinchliffe Midgley and William Vaughan Morris, was a painter. He married Martha Ann Hailstone in 1880. [AF; CS]
- Morris, William C. (1844–1889). Son of William Vaughan Morris, followed his father in the profession of painter. He was a partner of Wm. C. Morris & Co., a Salt Lake City business that sold painters' supplies, wallpaper, and decorations and did house, sign, and decorative painting, paperhanging, and glazing. [Memoir 195]
- Morris, William Vaughan (1821–1878). Born in Llanfair, Denbighshire, Wales, to Barbara Thomas and John Morris, was the older brother of John and Elias Morris, Mary Lois's first and second husbands. A painter and decorator, he opened "the first paint shop in Salt Lake Valley, a business he operated for most of the next twenty years." [Robert S. Olpin, William C. Seifrit, Vern G. Swanson, *Artists of Utah*, 179; Memoir 130]
- Morris, Winifred (Winnie) Jane (1855–1947). Born in Cedar City, Utah, was the second child of Mary Parry and Elias Morris. She married Peter Thompson Tibbs, a locomotive fireman, in 1879. [AF; CS]
- Morton, Mary Ann (About 1801–?). Born in St. Albans, Hartfordshire, England, was the second wife of Mary Lois's father, William Gibson Walker. She was the author of several LDS hymns, including "Sweet Is the Peace the Gospel Brings," "O Happy Home! O Blest Abode," "A Saint! and Is the Title Mine," "My Father in Heaven," "Though Nations Rise, and Men Conspire," and "With Cheerful Hearts and Willing Hands." [Memoir 122; J. Spencer Cornwall, *Stories of Our Mormon Hymns*, 137, 203; *Sacred Hymns and Spiritual Songs for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, 76, 368–69, 377, 379, 398]
- Mousley, Emmett Desoto (1853–1879). Born in Wilmington, Delaware, to Elizabeth Way and George Washington Mousley, was a printer in the Star Printing Office, a member of the Salt Lake Sixteenth Ward, and a founder of the Salt Lake Amateur Dramatic Company. He died in December 1879 from "heart disease and dropsy." [AF; *Deseret Evening News*, December 27, 1879]
- Moyle, Bertha May (1865–1961). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Wood and James Henry Moyle, married Andrew John Russell Gray in 1889. [AF]
- Moyle, Deseret Blanche (1872–1880). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Wood and James Henry Moyle, died on May 29, 1880. [AF]
- Moyle, Elizabeth Wood (1839–1908). Born in Mt. Sterling, Illinois, to Mary

- Elizabeth Snyder and Daniel Wood, emigrated to Utah in 1848. She married James Henry Moyle in 1856 and was a member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. [PWFF, 2077; CS]
- Moyle, Ellen (May 28 1880). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Wood and James Henry Moyle, died on May 28, 1880, the day of her birth. [AF]
- Moyle, Ida (1873–1962). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Wood and James Henry Moyle, married Ray Van Cott in 1902. [AF]
- Moyle, James Henry (1835–1890). Born in Cornwall, England, to Phillippa Beer and John Rowe Moyle, was a mason and builder. He managed the builders and stonecutters on the Salt Lake Temple Block from 1875 to 1886 and in 1886 was appointed general superintendent of works on the Temple Block. [AJ, 1:776–77]
- Moyle, Margaret Anna Cannell (1844–1920). Born in Douglas, England, to Jane Corlett and Thomas Cannell, married James Henry Moyle in 1870 as his second wife. [AF]
- Moyle, Mahonri (1878–1880). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Wood and James Henry Moyle, died on May 15, 1880. [AF]
- Moyle, Nelson (1880). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Margaret Anna Cannell and James Henry Moyle, died on April 10, 1880. [AF]
- Moyle, Seth (1874–1880). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Margaret Anna Cannell and James Henry Moyle, died on April 16, 1880. [AF]
- Moyle, Walter Wood (1876–1880). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Wood and James Henry Moyle, died on May 8, 1880. [AF]
- Murray, Eli Houston (1843–1896). Born in Cloverport, Kentucky, to Ann Maria Allen Crittenden and Col. David R. Murray, served six years as a U.S. marshal in Kentucky and was trained as a lawyer. In 1880, he was appointed by President Hayes as the governor of Utah Territory and served under reappointment of President Arthur, until 1885, when he resigned. [TCBD, 8:M; PPM, 682]
- Musser, Amos Milton (1830–1909). Born in Donegal Township, Pennsylvania, to Anna Barr and Samuel Musser, was a traveling bishop for the LDS church from 1858 to 1876. He worked as superintendent of the Deseret Telegraph Company and introduced the telephone and phonograph to Salt Lake City. He went on a mission for the LDS church to India from 1852 to 1856. [AJ, 1:381–86; PPM, 1052]
- Musser, Belinda Marden Pratt (1848–1893). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Belinda B. Marden and Parley P. Pratt, married her fourth husband, Amos Milton Musser, in 1872. (She was divorced from the first three.) [AF; Memoir 182]
- Naylor, Ann (Annie) Neveson Wright (1837–1914). Born in Liverpool, England, to Ruth Nephewson and Henry Wright, married William Naylor from Cheshire, England, in 1855. [Memoir 35; AF]
- Naylor, Mary Clayton (1815–1877). Born in Cheshire, England, to Ann Pitt and John Clayton, married Thomas Naylor in 1856. [AF]
- Naylor, Thomas (1826–1872). Born in Cheshire, England, to Mary Sefton and George Naylor, was the brother of William Naylor. [Memoir 34; AF]
- Naylor, William (1835–1918). Born in Cheshire, England, to Mary Sefton and George Naylor, was a member of the Old Folks Committee in Salt Lake City. [AF]
- Needham, Alice Warburton (1826–1883). Born in Cheshire, England, to Martha Wilkinson and John Warburton, married James Needham in January

- 1850 and shortly afterwards sailed to America aboard the *Josiah Bradley*, on which she associated “a great deal” with Mary Lois Walker. She was the president of the Salt Lake Seventh Ward Relief Society from 1874 to 1883. [Memoir 47; AJ, 2:419–20; *Deseret Evening News*, May 14, 1883]
- Needham, Arthur Armitage (1814–1871). Born in Leeds, England, to Mary Armitage and James Needham, immigrated to America on the *Josiah Bradley*. [Memoir 47; AF]
- Needham, James (1788–1859). Born in Leeds, England, immigrated to America on the *Josiah Bradley*. He was the husband of Mary Armitage. [Memoir 47; AF]
- Needham, James (1826–1890). Born in Warrington, England, to Mary Armitage and James Needham, was a store clerk. He sailed from England to America on the ship *Josiah Bradley* shortly after marrying Alice Warburton in January 1850. [Memoir 47; AF]
- Needham, Mary Armitage (1788–1850). Born in Yorkshire, England, married James Needham about 1812. [AF]
- Needham, Sarah Ann Booth (1823–1882). Born in Leeds, England, was one of the four wives of John Needham. [AF]
- Nuttall, Leonard John (1834–1905). Born in Liverpool, England, to Mary Langhorn and William Nuttall, was the private secretary of LDS church presidents John Taylor and Wilford Woodruff. He also served as chief clerk of the 20th, 21st, 23rd, and 25th sessions of the Utah Legislature. [AJ, 1:355–58]
- Olson, Sarah Ellen (1854–1934) Born in Salt Lake City, Utah to Sarah Ellen Jacobs and Shure Dale Olson, married Jeremiah Euchlet Langford in 1880. [AF]
- Parker, Daniel (Dan) (1866–1932). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Drusilla and Joshua Parker, married Hannah Barbara (Nonnie) Morris in 1887. [AF]
- Parry, Ann (?) Daughter of Ellen Roberts and Edward Parry.
- Parry, Ann Roberts (1824–1882). Born in St. George, Denbighshire, Wales, to Elizabeth and David Roberts, married Thomas Robert Parry in 1824. She died in January 1882 of a “paralytic stroke.” [*Deseret Evening News*, January 28, 1882]
- Parry, Caleb (1824–1893). Born in Newmarket, Wales, to Mary Williams and John Parry, was a master mason for the Salt Lake Temple from 1853 to 1855. [AJ, 3:688–89; PPM, 1089]
- Parry, Charlotte (Lottie) Elizabeth Goulder (1852–1884). Born in Nottingham, England to Frances Huthwaite and George Goulder was the wife of David Roberts Parry. A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, she died in September 1884. [*Deseret Evening News*, September 28, 1884]
- Parry, Edward (1840–1879). A mason, died on December 8, 1879, of diphtheria. [*Deseret Evening News*, December 8, 1879]
- Parry, Edward (1843–1926). Born in Newmarket, Wales, to Elizabeth and John Parry, was a brother of Elias Morris’s first wife, Mary Parry Morris, and a resident of Cedar City. [AF; Memoir 113]
- Parry, Elizabeth (1809–1869). Born in Newmarket, Wales, to Mary Foulkes and Edward Parry, married John Parry in 1834 and was the mother of Elias Morris’s first wife, Mary Parry Morris. [AF; Memoir 113]
- Parry, Elizabeth (Lizzie) Ellen (1871–1879). Daughter of Ellen Roberts and Edward Parry.
- Parry, Ellen Roberts (1839–?). Married Edward Parry about 1859.

- Parry, Gronway (1858–1924). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Winifred and Caleb Parry Sr., married Laura Althea Gardner in 1882. He went on a mission to the United States and Great Britain from 1879 to 1881 and was superintendent of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Y.M.M.I.A. from 1886 to 1889. [Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 156]
- Parry, John (1801–1881). Born in Newmarket, Wales, to Winifred Barker and Edward Parry, married Elizabeth Parry in 1834 and was the father of Mary Parry Morris, Elias Morris's first wife. He came to Utah in an 1856 hand-cart company and was an architect and builder and a member of the Cedar City Council. [PPM, 1089; Howe, "John Parry: Pioneer of 1856"]
- Parry, John (1817–1882). Born in Newmarket, Wales, to Mary Williams and John Parry, was a master mason on the Logan Temple. He probably baptized Elias Morris in Abergele, Wales, in March 1849. He died in May, 1882. [Tullidge, *History of Salt Lake City*, 152].
- Parry, Lavinia Charlotte (1857–1902). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Harriet Julia Roberts and John Parry, married Willard Weston Maughan in 1883. [AF]
- Parry, Margaret Alice (Maggie) Corlett (1845–1916). Born in Lancashire, England, to Catharine Clark and James Corlett, was the wife of Edward Parry of Cedar City. [AF]
- Parry, Robert (1803–1883). Born in Newmarket, Wales, to Jane Jones and Thomas Parry, was a stonemason. He died on February 8, 1883, in Salt Lake City of "old age." [*Deseret Evening News*, February 10, 1883]
- Parry, Thomas Robert (1801–1886). Born in St. George, Denbighshire, Wales, to Mary Jones and Edward Parry, married Ann Roberts in 1824. [PPM, 1089]
- Parry, William (1820–1893). Born in Newmarket, Wales, to Mary Williams and John Parry, was most likely the commissary on Mary Lois's journey across the plains. [PPM, 1089; Memoir 78]
- Partridge, Edward (1793–1840). Born in Massachusetts to Jemima Bidwell and William Partridge, was the first bishop of the LDS church (1831–1840) and one of its earliest members, having joined the church in 1830. [AJ, 1:218–22; EM, 1643]
- Paul, William (1803–1889). Born in St. Agnes, England, to Mary Mitchell and Walter Paul. [AF; Memoir 146]
- Peckham, Caroline (1822–1895). Born in Surrey, England, to Susannah Patenden and William Peckham, worked in St. Louis as a domestic servant with Mary Lois. She married Thomas Seddon in 1852. [AF; Memoir 54]
- Penrose, Alice Cecilia (1862–1918). Born in Farmington, Utah, to Lucetta Stratford and Charles William Penrose, married Jedediah Aylett in 1880, Samuel Crawford in 1885, and John Courter in 1901. [AF]
- Penrose, Charles William (1832–1925). Born in London, England, to Matilda Sims and Richard Penrose, was elected in 1879 to fill a vacancy in the Salt Lake County legislature. He later worked for the *Deseret Evening News* and served as the assistant LDS church historian (1896–1899), as an apostle of the LDS church (1904–1925), and as a counselor in the First Presidency (1911–1925). [AJ, 1:256–62; BRSL, 75–77]
- Perry, Lelia May (1866–1938). Born in Provo, Utah, to Arvilla Pratt and Philander Jackson Perry, was a resident of Provo. She married William Kemp Eddins in 1891. [AF]
- Pierpont, Naomi King (1872–1879). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Naomi King and Thomas Pierpont, died at age seven on July 11, 1879, from "the effects of a fall." [*Deseret Evening News*, July 12, 1879]

- Pierpont, Naomi King (1840–1924). Born in Trowbridge, England, to Mary Bendall and James King, married Thomas Pierpont in 1858. [AF]
- Pollard, Alice (1862–1950). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Ann Bailey and Joseph Pollard, served as the president of the Fifteenth Ward Y.L.M.I.A. and married John Lewis Johanson (or Johnson) in 1888. [AF]
- Pollard, Joseph (1819–1890). Born in Corfe Castle, England, to Elizabeth Thrasher and James Pollard, worked as a carpenter for Brigham Young and then for the Utah Central Railway. He also served as counselor in the bishopric of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from 1861 and as the bishop of the Fifteenth Ward from 1877 until 1890. He was the husband of Mary Ann Bailey and Ruth Allen. [AJ, 1:635–36, Jenson, *Encyclopedic History*, 750]
- Pollard, Mary Ann Bailey (1821–1895). Born in Devon, England, to Mary Brook and James Bailey, was the first wife of Joseph Pollard, a counselor in the bishopric of the Fifteenth Ward. [AF; Memoir 135]
- Pollard, Ruth Allen (1818–1881). Born in Pembroke, Wales, to Martha Jane Isaacs and John Allen, married Joseph Pollard as his second wife in 1862. [AF; Memoir 135]
- Powell, Margaret (Maggie) (1858–1913). Born in Llansawel, Wales, to Margaret Morgan and Rees Powell, married James Brigham Wilson in 1881. [AF]
- Powell, Margaret Morgan (1819–1880). Born in Llansawel, Wales, to Margaret Evans and David Morgan, married Rees Powell in 1848. A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, she died on July 8, 1880. [*Deseret Evening News*, July 8, 1880]
- Pratt, Agatha (Aggie) (1848–1914). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary Lois's sister Ann Agatha Walker and Parley P. Pratt, was a plural wife of Joseph Ridges, the builder of the Tabernacle organ. [AF]
- Pratt, Ann Agatha Walker (1829–1908). See Walker, Ann Agatha.
- Pratt, Helaman (1846–1909). Born in Mt. Pisgah, Iowa, to Mary Wood and Parley Parker Pratt, served on the Salt Lake police force and as the president of the LDS church's Mexican Mission in 1877 and from 1884 to 1887. [AJ, 4:347–48]
- Pratt, Keziah Downes (1812–1877). Born in Cheshire, England, to Elizabeth and Edward Downes, married LDS apostle Parley Parker Pratt as a plural wife in 1853. Mary Lois calls her "Aunt" because she was a "sister wife" of Mary Lois's sister Ann Agatha Walker Pratt. [AF; Memoir 169]
- Pratt, Mary Wood (1818–1898). Born in Glasgow, Scotland, to Margaret Orr and Samuel Wood, married Parley P. Pratt as a plural wife in 1844. [AF]
- Pratt, Moroni Walker (1853–1911). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, was the oldest living child of Mary Lois's sister Ann Agatha Walker and Parley P. Pratt. A poet, he went on an LDS mission to the northeastern states in 1882–83 and later served as the bishop of the Fairview, Idaho, Ward for sixteen years. [AJ, 1:817; PPM, 1114]
- Pratt, Nephi (1846–1910). Born in Nauvoo, Illinois, to Belinda B. Marden and Parley P. Pratt, was the president of the LDS church's Northwestern States Mission from 1902 to 1909. [AJ, 4:364]
- Pratt, Orson (1811–1881). Born in Hartford, New York, to Charity Dickinson and Jared Pratt, was an LDS apostle from 1835 to 1881. He published and wrote *The Seer*, the publication in which Mary Lois and her first husband John learned the principle of plural marriage. A regent of the University of Deseret and speaker of the territorial house of representatives, he was also a scientist and a topographical engineer. [AJ, 1:87–91; PPM, 1113]

- Pratt, Parley Parker (1807–1857). Born in Burlington, New York, to Charity Dickinson and Jared Pratt, was an LDS apostle from 1835 to 1857. He served a mission for the LDS church in England from 1840 to 1842, in which he was president of all the British conferences and edited the *Millennial Star*. There he met Ann Agatha Walker, Mary Lois's sister, whom he married on April 28, 1847, in Winter Quarters, Nebraska, as his ninth wife. He was killed in May 1857 near the Arkansas border. [AJ, 1:83–85]
- Pratt, Phoebe E. Soper (1823–1887). Born in Queens, New York, to Hannah Bornlay and Samuel Soper, married Parley P. Pratt as a plural wife in 1845. She is called "Aunt" because she was a "sister wife" of Ann Agatha, Mary Lois's sister, also a plural wife of Parley P. Pratt. [AF]
- Pratt, Rachel Evans (1858–?). A dressmaker who at the time of the 1880 census lived with her mother Rachel Evans and daughter Mary Pratt. [CS]
- Pratt, Romania Bunnell (1839–1932). Born in Wayne, Indiana, to Esther Mendenhall and Luther B. Bunnell, was a pioneering doctor in Utah. She earned her medical degree from the Women's Medical College in Philadelphia in 1877. After returning to Utah, she began to conduct classes in obstetrics in which she taught hundreds of women. She also served as the resident physician at Deseret Hospital. [BRS�, 163–65]
- Price, George Washington (1815–1892). Born in Georgetown, Washington, D.C., to Mary Ann Biddle and George Price, was a house carpenter and the husband of Elizabeth Munach Ferguson. He served as the custodian of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward poor funds and supplies. [Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 10; CS]
- Price, Joseph Edwin (1861–1918). Born in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, to Mary Elizabeth Argust and Henry Price, immigrated to Utah in 1876. He married Sarah Jane Ashton in 1884. [AF, EALF, 87–89]
- Price, Mary Ann (1853–1883). Wife of William Price, a brick mason, died on March 20, 1883.
- Price, Parley Willard (1854–1881). Born in Merthyr Tydfil, Wales, to Mary Elizabeth Argust and Henry Price, was a member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. He died of "consumption" on April 24, 1881. [*Deseret Evening News*, April 25, 1881]
- Price, Sarah Jane Ashton (1861–1887). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jane Treharne and Edward Ashton, married Joseph Edwin Price in 1884. [AF]
- Pyper, Alexander Crookshank (1828–1882). Born in Ayrshire, Scotland, to Catherine Monroe and Alexander Pyper, was a police justice in Salt Lake City from 1874 to 1882 and was bishop of the Salt Lake Twelfth Ward from 1877 to 1882. [AJ, 1:627–28; BRS�, 210–11]
- Pyper, James Munro (1833–1897). Born in Ayrshire, Scotland, to Catherine Monroe and Alexander Pyper, sailed to America on the *Josiah Bradley* with Mary Lois and her family. [Memoir 47; AF]
- Reeves, Sylvester (1855–?). A clerk in a dry goods store, was one of Mary Lois's block teachers. [CS]
- Reynolds, George (1842–1909). Born in London, England, to Julia Ann Tautz and George Reynolds, was the private secretary of Brigham Young. A polygamist, he was voluntarily tried in 1875 to test of the constitutionality of the Anti-Bigamy Law of 1862. His guilty sentence was upheld in 1879 by the United States Supreme Court in the decision of *Reynolds v. United States*. He served as a Seventy of the LDS church from 1890 to 1909. [Gordon, *The Mormon Question*, 114–32; Firmage, *Zion in the Courts*, 151–56; AJ, 1:206–10]

- Rhodes, Anatta C. (1812–?). Born in Denmark, was a dressmaker and lived in Mary Lois's household at the time of the 1880 census. [CS]
- Rich, Charles Coulson (1809–1883). Born in Campbell, Kentucky, to Nancy O. Neal and Joseph Rich, was an apostle of the LDS church from 1849 to 1883. He was with the Mormons during the persecution in Missouri and was a member of the Nauvoo City Council and a major general in the Nauvoo Legion. [AJ, 1:102–3; EM, 1644]
- Richards, Franklin Dewey (1821–1899). Born in Richmond, Massachusetts, to Wealthy Dewey and Phineas Richards, was an apostle of the LDS church from 1849 to 1898 and president of the Twelve Apostles from 1898–99. He served as a probate judge of Weber County from 1869 to 1883 and as a brigadier general in the Nauvoo Legion. [AJ, 1:115–21; PPM, 1130]
- Richards, Levi Willard (1845–1914). Born in Nauvoo, Illinois, to Sarah Griffith and Levi Richards, was a fellow missionary with Elias Morris to Great Britain and the husband of Lulu Green Richards. [AF; Memoir 169]
- Richards, Louisa (Lulu) Lula Green (1849–1944). Born in Kanesville, Iowa, to Susan Kent and Evan Greene, was the editor of the *Woman's Exponent* and the wife of Levi Willard Richards. [AJ, 4:295; Memoir 169]
- Richards, Samuel Whitney (1824–1909). Born in Richmond, Massachusetts, to Wealthy Dewey and Phineas Richards, was the president of the Salt Lake City Council, a justice of Salt Lake County, and a member of the Utah Territorial Legislature. [AJ, 1:718–19]
- Ridges, Agatha (Aggie) Pratt (1848–1914). See Pratt, Agatha.
- Ridges, Annie (1859–1942). Born in Spanish Fork, Utah, to Adelaide Whiteley and Joseph Harris Ridges, married David John Williams in 1880. [AF]
- Ridges, Clarabella (1870–1946). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Agatha Pratt and Joseph Harris Ridges, was the granddaughter of Ann Agatha Walker Pratt. She married John Edward Pike in 1893. [AF]
- Ridges, Florence (1866–1942). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Agatha Pratt and Joseph Harris Ridges, she was the granddaughter of Ann Agatha Walker Pratt. She married Joseph Henry Dean in 1885. [AF]
- Ridges, Wilford Owen (1866–1935). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ann Agatha Walker and her second husband, Joseph Harris Ridges. He married Letitia Chambers in 1896. [AJ, 4:542]
- Roberts, Brigham Henry (1857–1933). Born in Warrington, England, to Ann Reed Everington and Benjamin Roberts, was a senior president of the Seventies of the LDS church and a compiler of LDS church history. In 1898, Roberts was elected to the U.S. Congress but because of the conflict over polygamy was not seated. [AJ, 1:205–6; BRSL, 96–98; Truman Madsen, *Defender of the Faith: The B. H. Roberts Story*]
- Roberts, John S. (?–1881). A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, died on December 7, 1881, at age eighty-one of “paralysis.” [*Deseret Evening News*, December 7, 1881]
- Robins, John (?–1884). Father of Mary Lois's sister-in-law Lavinia Robins Morris, died on October 29, 1884, at age Seventy-two of “old age.” [*Deseret Evening News*, October 28, 1884]
- Romney, Margaret Ann Thomas (1845–1915). Born in London, England, to Margaret Spotswood and Joseph Knowles Thomas, married George Romney in 1863. [AF; Memoir 120]
- Rowan, Alice Ann (1868–?). Daughter of Elizabeth Flake and Charles H. Rowan, “became a schoolteacher and taught the white children at

- Riverside for three years,” quitting teaching when she married. [CS; OPH, 8:514–16]
- Rowan, Elizabeth (Liz) Flake (About 1833–?). Born as a slave on the North Carolina plantation of William Love. When William Love’s daughter, Agnes, married James Flake, her father gave five-year-old Elizabeth to her. In 1844, Agnes and James Flake joined the LDS church and, with Elizabeth, moved to Nauvoo, Illinois. Elizabeth traveled with them to Utah in 1848 and after James Flake’s death in 1850, went with the remaining family to a Mormon colony in San Bernardino, California. Agnes died soon after, and in 1855, Agnes’s children and Elizabeth went to live with the Amasa Lyman family. When Agnes’s son William returned to Utah, he gave Elizabeth her freedom. In 1858, she married Charles H. Rowan, who owned and operated a barber shop in the Grand Southern Hotel in San Bernardino. [IGI; OPH, 8:514–16]
- Rowe, Fredrick (Freddie) (1862–1883). A stonecutter and the son of Mary Rowe. [CS]
- Rowe, Mary (1825–?). A nurse. [CS]
- Rudy, Anna Maria Biehl (1826–1899). Born in Schuylkill, Pennsylvania, to Catharine Ege and John Biehl, married Henry Rudy in 1847 and emigrated to Salt Lake City in 1862. She was a member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward. [AJ, 2:415–16]
- Rudy, Christie Ann (1860–1914). Born in Schuylkill, Pennsylvania, to Anna Maria Biehl and Henry Rudy, was a dressmaker. She married Charles Henry Jenkins in 1885. [AF; CS]
- Rudy, Henry (1826–1910). Born in Schuylkill, Pennsylvania, to Anna Maria Boyer and John Rudy, was a farmer and a sheep raiser and served as a block teacher to Mary Lois and her family. A “doctor of the old school,” he served as Brigham Young’s family physician for several years. [AJ, 2:414–15; CS]
- Rupp, Burton (Burt) Samuel (1868–1953). Born in Lucas, Ohio, to Cornelia Adelaide Miner and Joseph Mahlon Rupp. [AF]
- Russell, Lucy Pratt (1848–1916). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Hannahette Snively and Parley P. Pratt, married Samuel Russell, a lumber salesman, in 1869. She was the first president of the newly organized Primary Association of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, serving from January 4, 1879, to October 16, 1884. [Barraclough, *15th Ward Memories*, 182; CS; Memoir 182]
- Salisbury, Mary (Mattie) Eliza (1861–1941). Born in Grass Lake, Michigan, to Sarah Holder and Benjamin Salisbury, came to Utah in 1862. She married Jedediah William Ashton in 1880 and served as Relief Society president from 1922 to 1927. [EALF, 48–50, 64–65]
- Savage, Charles Roscoe (1832–1909). Born in Southampton, England, to Ann and John Savage, was an early Utah photographer. He traveled throughout the Rocky Mountain West taking photographs and gave many “lectures on Utah and its scenic beauties, illustrated by many photographic views.” [AJ, 3:708–11; Memoir 159]
- Sharp, John (1820–1891). Born in Clackmannan, Scotland, to Mary Hunter and John Sharp, served as the bishop of the Salt Lake City Twentieth Ward for thirty years, beginning in 1854. He was the manager of the Temple Stone Quarries and a police captain. He also served as superintendent and president of Utah Central Railway beginning in 1871 and as a director of the Union Pacific Railroad. [PPM, 1155; AJ, 1:677–78]

- Shipp, Margaret (Maggie) Curtis (1849–1926). Born in St. Louis, Missouri, to Margaret Morgan and Theodore Curtis, was a plural wife of Dr. Milford Bard Shipp and later Brigham H. Roberts. Graduated from the Medical School of Pennsylvania in 1882, she was a well-known physician in Utah for thirty-five years. In 1902, she started the Relief Society Nurse School. [OPH, 6:373–78]
- Smith, Augusta Bowen Cleveland (1828–1903). Born in Cincinnati, Ohio, to John Cleveland and Sarah Maryetta Kingsley, married John Lyman Smith in 1845. [AF; Memoir 88–89]
- Smith, Bathsheba Wilson Bigler (1822–1910). Second counselor in the LDS church's General Relief Society Presidency from 1888 to 1901 and General Relief Society president from 1901 to 1910. She married George Albert Smith in 1841. [EM, 1646]
- Smith, Desdemona Wadsworth Fullmer (Benson) (McLane) (1809–1886). Born in Huntington, Pennsylvania, to Susannah Zerfass and Peter Fullmer. A plural wife of Joseph Smith Jr., she was later married “for time” to Ezra Taft Benson and then to Harrison Parker McLane. She was present at the Haun's Mill Massacre in 1838. [PWFF, 2807]
- Smith, Eliza E. (1854–?). Wife of Richard Smith (1842–?), a hatter. [CS]
- Smith, George Albert (1817–1875). Born in Potsdam, New York, to Clarissa Lyman and John Smith, served as an apostle of the LDS church from 1839 to 1875 and as first counselor to Brigham Young from 1868 to 1875. He was also a legislator and church historian. [EM, 1646]
- Smith, John (1781–1854). Son of Asahel Smith and Mary Duty, was an uncle of Joseph Smith Jr. He was assistant counselor in the LDS church's First Presidency from 1847 to 1844 and presiding patriarch from 1849 to 1854. [EM, 1646; Memoir 88–89]
- Smith, John Henry (1848–1911). Born in Council Bluffs, Iowa, to Sarah Ann Libby and George Albert Smith, served as an apostle of the LDS church from 1880 to 1911. He was also a member of the Salt Lake City Council and the territorial legislature and was president of the convention that formed the state constitution of Utah. His grandfather, John Smith, was a son of Asahel and Mary Smith. [AJ, 1:141–44; BRSL, 37–40]
- Smith, Joseph, Jr. (1805–1844). Born in Sharon, Windsor, Vermont, to Lucy Mack Smith and Joseph Smith Sr., was president of the LDS church from 1830 to 1844. He was martyred June 27, 1844, at Carthage, Illinois. [EM, 1647]
- Smith, Joseph F. (1838–1918). Born in Far West, Missouri, to Mary Fielding and Hyrum Smith, was an apostle of the LDS church from 1866 to 1901 and served as second counselor to Presidents John Taylor, Wilford Woodruff, and Lorenzo Snow. In 1901, he was sustained as the sixth president of the LDS church, a position he held until his death in 1918. [PC, 179–215, BRSL, 13–17]
- Smith, Mary A. (1843–?). Wife of John Smith, a brass molder. [CS]
- Smoot, Abraham Owen (1817–1895). Born in Owen, Kentucky, to Ann and George Smoot, was bishop of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward from its organization in 1849 until 1852. The second mayor of Salt Lake City and the mayor of Provo, he was the husband of Margaret T. M. Adkinson, Sarah Gibbens, and Emily Hill. [AJ, 1:485–87; Jenson, *Encyclopedic History*, 750; Memoir 173]
- Snow, Eliza Roxey (1804–1887). Born in Becket, Massachusetts, to Rosetta

- Pettibone and Oliver Snow, was the second general president of the Relief Society from 1868 to 1887. Known for her ability as a poet and author, she was a plural wife of Joseph Smith and of Brigham Young. [AJ, 1:693–97; Maureen Ursenbach Beecher, ed., *The Personal Writings of Eliza Roxcy Snow*, Memoir 154]
- Snow, Erastus Fairbanks (1818–1888). Born in St. Johnsbury, Caledonia, Vermont, to Lucina and Levi Snow, was an apostle of the LDS church from 1849 to 1888 and a member of the territorial legislature. [AJ, 1:103–15; EM, 1647]
- Snow, Georgiana (1861–1929). Born in St. George, Utah, to Elizabeth Rebecca Ashby and Erastus Fairbanks Snow, married Moses Thatcher in 1885. [AF]
- Snow, Josephine (1859–1940). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Elizabeth Rebecca Ashby and Erastus Fairbanks Snow, married Joseph Marion Tanner in 1878. [AF]
- Snow, Lorenzo (1814–1901). Born in Mantua, Ohio, to Rosetta L. Pettibone and Oliver Snow, was an apostle of the LDS church from 1849 to 1898. In 1898, he became the fifth president of the LDS church, a position he held until his death in 1901. [PC, 137–76; AJ, 1:26–31]
- Spencer, Orson (1802–1855). Born in West Stockbridge, Massachusetts, to Chloe Wilson and Daniel Spencer, presided over the LDS church's British Mission and edited the *Millennial Star* from 1847 to 1849. He later served other missions in Europe, Cincinnati, St. Louis, as well as to the Cherokee nation. [AJ, 1:337–39; PPM, 1178]
- Spotswood, Margaret (1808–1890). Born in Spit Head, Hampshire, England, to Ann and Joseph Spotswood. married to Joseph Knowles Thomas and later, apparently, to Thomas Jones. [AF; Memoir 120]
- Spur, Sarah Higham (About 1799–1880) Born in Bristol, England, was married to John Spur. [AF]
- Staines, William Carter (1818–1881). Born in Northampton, England, to Blanche Potto and Henry Staines, was the emigration agent for the LDS church from 1863 to 1881. In this capacity he made annual trips between Salt Lake City and New York. He also spent several months living with the Ponca Indian tribe as a missionary. [AJ, 2:513–17]
- Standing, Joseph S. (1854–1879). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Mary and Joseph Standing. As an LDS missionary in Georgia, Standing went with fellow missionary Rudger Clawson to Varnells Station on July 21, 1879, where the two missionaries were surprised by an armed mob of twelve men. When Standing made some resistance, he was shot and mortally wounded. His funeral was held in the Salt Lake Tabernacle on August 3, 1879, and was attended by about ten thousand people. [AJ, 3:719–21]
- Stenhouse, Belinda Marden Pratt (1848–1893). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Belinda B. Marden and Parley Parker Pratt, had four husbands, including Thomas Brown Holmes Stenhouse, whom she later divorced. [AF; Memoir 140]
- Stenhouse, Thomas Brown Holmes (1825–1882). Born in Daskieth, Midlothian, Scotland, to Elizabeth and George Stenhouse, was the editor of the *Salt Lake Daily Telegraph*. [AJ, 4:385; Memoir 126]
- Swan, Barbara Elizabeth Morris. See Morris, Barbara Elizabeth.
- Swan, William (Willie) Morris (1878–1972). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Barbara Elizabeth Morris Swan and William Thomson Kenneth Swan, married Harriet Dye in 1906. [AF; Memoir 186]

- Swan, William Thomson Kenneth (1854–1882). Born in Edinburgh, Scotland, to Agnes MacDonald and George Swan, married Barbara Elizabeth Morris, the daughter of Elias Morris and his first wife, Mary Parry, in 1876. He committed suicide on March 10, 1882, by taking poison. [*Deseret Evening News*, March 10, 1882; AF]
- Talmage, James Edward (1862–1933). Born in Hungerford, England, to Susanna Preater and Gabriel Talmage, served as an LDS apostle from 1911 to 1933. He was also a writer and president of the University of Utah. [EM, 1648; Memior, 235]
- Taylor, Elizabeth Godbe (About 1783–1883). Generally known as “Aunt Betty,” was the wife of James Taylor, father of President John Taylor. She died on April 26, 1883. [*Deseret Evening News*, April 27, 1883]
- Taylor, Elmina Shepard (1830–1904). Daughter of Rozella Bailey and David Spaulding Shepard, was the general president of the Young Women’s Mutual Improvement Association (Y.W.M.I.A.) from 1880 to 1904. She married George Hamilton Taylor (1829–1907) in 1856 and for sixteen years was a member of the presidency of the Salt Lake Stake Relief Society Board. [AJ, 4:267; Memoir 199]
- Taylor, John (1808–1887). Born in Milnthorpe, England to Agnes and James Taylor, was an apostle in the LDS church from 1838 until 1880 when he became the third president of the LDS church (1880–1887). He joined the church in 1836 and was with Joseph Smith in Carthage Jail but survived the mob attack. In 1884, while president of the LDS church, he went into exile because of the antipolygamy prosecution and died in exile in Kaysville, Utah, in 1887. [PC, 69–98; AJ, 1:14–19]
- Taylor, Sophia Whitaker (1825–1887). Born in Blakedown, England, to Sophia Turner and Thomas Whitaker, married John Taylor as a plural wife in 1847 in Winter Quarters, Nebraska. [AF]
- Taylor, Thomas (1826–1900). Born in Oldham, England, to Sarah Whitehead and Samuel Taylor, was a merchant and the bishop of the Salt Lake City Fourteenth Ward from 1871 to 1886. [AJ, 2:366–67]
- Taylor, William W. (1853–1884). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Harriet Whitaker and John Taylor, was a Seventy of the LDS church from 1880 to 1884. He was elected a member of the Utah Legislative Assembly in 1883 and in 1884 was elected assessor and collector of taxes for Salt Lake City. [AJ, 1:199–200; EM, 1648]
- Teasdale, George (1831–1907). Born in London, England, to Harriet Henrietta Tidey and William R. Teasdale, served as an LDS apostle from 1882 until his death in 1907. He went on a number of missions, including two missions to England, a mission to the southern states and a mission to the Indian Territory. He also served as president of the LDS church’s European mission from 1887 to 1890. [AJ, 1:144–47; EM, 1648]
- Thatcher, Moses (1842–1909). Born near Springfield, Illinois, to Alley Kitchen and Hezekiah Thatcher, was an apostle of the LDS church from 1879 to 1896, when he was dropped from the Quorum. Earlier in 1880, Thatcher returned from Mexico, where he had opened a mission and baptized the first Mexican members of the LDS church. In October 1880, Thatcher assisted in the organization of the First Presidency of the church and then in November again left Utah for Mexico. [AJ, 1:127–36; EM, 1648]
- Thomas, Charles John (1832–1919). Born in Burnley, England, to Margaret Spotswood and Joseph Knowles Thomas, was described in Mary Lois’s

- memoir as a leader of the temple choir. [AF; Memoir 120]
- Thomas, Elizabeth Foster Lindsay (1838–1880). Born in Burnbrae, Scotland, to Elizabeth Geddes and Robert McQueen Lindsay, married Charles John Thomas in 1864. She died on April 22, 1880, from an “affection of the liver.” [*Deseret Evening News*, April 23, 1880]
- Thomas, Mary (About 1819–1883). Born in Carmarthenshire, South Wales, was the wife of John Thomas. She died on April 18, 1883, at age sixty-four of “dropsy.” [*Deseret Evening News*, April 18, 1883]
- Thomas, Mary Ann Unger (1848–1884). Born in Glen, Wales, was married to Rowland Griffith Thomas. [AF]
- Thomas, Rowland Griffith (1845–1892). Born in Llanelly, Wales, to Elizabeth Griffiths and Rowland Thomas, was an engineer in Spanish Fork, Utah, and the widower of Mary Lois’s friend Mary Ann Unger. [AF]
- Thornton, Mary Whittaker (1838–1914). Born in Heywood, England, to Rachel Taylor and James Whittaker, married Amos Griswold Thornton in 1856. [AF; Memoir 100]
- Tibbs, Florence Morris (1887–1889). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Winifred Jane Morris and Peter Thompson Tibbs, was the granddaughter of Elias Morris and his first wife, Mary Parry. [AF]
- Tibbs, Jane Brock (1815–1879). Born in Buldernock, Scotland, to Margaret McGilchrist and James Brock, was the wife of Robert Tibbs. A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, she died of “consumption of the liver” on January 25, 1879. [AF]
- Tibbs, Jennie Dean (1886–1967). Daughter of Winifred Jane Morris and Peter Thompson Tibbs, was the granddaughter of Elias Morris and his first wife, Mary Parry.
- Tibbs, Peter Thompson (1853–1919). Son of Jane Brock and Peter Tibbs, married Winifred Jane Morris, Elias Morris’s daughter by his first wife, Mary Parry. [AF]
- Tibbs, Winifred (Winnie) Jane Morris (1855–1947). See Morris, Winifred Jane.
- Toomer, Fannie Hemming (1852–1928). Widow of John Toomer, who died in 1880.
- Toomer, William (Willie) (1872–1891). Son of Fannie Hemming and John Toomer.
- Treharne, William (1838–1907). Son of Ann Richards and William Treharne, was the uncle of Mary Lois’s son-in-law Edward Treharne Ashton. He worked in Park City for Morris & Sons. [AF; Memoir 180]
- Tuckett, Charles (1829–1915). Born in London, England, to Jane Pattenden and Charles Tuckett. [AF; Memoir 53]
- Tuckett, Henry (1831–1923). Born in London, England, to Jane Pattenden and Charles Tuckett, settled in Salt Lake City. [AF; Memoir 53]
- Tuckett, Jane (1834–1862). Born in London, England, to Jane Pattenden and Charles Tuckett, died in St. George, Utah, in 1862. [AF; Memoir 53]
- Tuckett, Jane Pattenden (1795–1882). Born in Sussex, England, was the wife of Charles Tuckett and the mother of Charles, Jane, and Henry Tuckett. [AF; Memoir 53]
- Tuckfield, Thomas (1828–?). Widowed neighbor of Mary Lois, was a boiler manager. [CS]
- Unger, Albert (1853–1922). Born in Swansen, Wales, to Sarah Ann Morgan and Albert Unger, was an engineer. He married Mary Ann Flowers in 1882. [CS; AF]

- Unger, Lydia (1862–1923). Born in Swansea, Wales, to Sarah Ann Morgan and Albert Unger, married Henry Chaplin Foster on December 18, 1879. [IGI]
- Unger, Sarah Morgan (1824–1906). Born in Reynoldston, Wales, to Mary Richards and Evan Morgan, married Albert Unger. [AF]
- Ure, James (1817–1897). Born in Houston, Scotland, to Janet McColl and James Ure. [AF; Memoir 135]
- Ure, Janet Scott (1818–1893). Born in Houston, Scotland, to Catherine Lang and James Scott, married James Ure in 1845. [AF; Memoir 135]
- Ure, Janette Scott (1850–1908). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Janet Scott and James Ure, married Thomas Cott Griggs in 1870. [AF; Memoir 135]
- Ure, Robert (Rob) Alvin (1859–1926). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Janet Scott and James Ure, married Leonora Lilly Gillespie in 1884 and was a clerk. [CS]
- Van Cott, John (1814–1883). Born in Canaan, New York, to Lovina Jemima Pratt and Losee Van Cott, came to the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. He was a farmer and served as a Seventy of the LDS church from 1862 to 1883. [AJ, 1:198–99; PPM, 1222]
- Vaughan, Catherine (About 1770–1847). Born in Talharne, Denbighshire, Wales, to Barbara Conway and Thomas Vaughan, married John Thomas in 1792. She was the maternal grandmother of Mary Lois's husbands, Elias Morris and John Thomas Morris. [AF; Memoir 117]
- Walker, Abigail Middlemass (1842–1931). Born in Halifax, Nova Scotia, to Abigail Keeler and Edward Middlemass, married Charles Lowell Walker as his first wife in 1861. [AF]
- Walker, Agatha (Aggie) Abigail (1866–1947). Born in St. George, Utah, to Abigail Middlemass and Charles Lowell Walker, married Joseph Warrington McAllister in 1885. [CWD, AF]
- Walker, Ann Agatha (1829–1908). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, to Mary Godwin and William Gibson Walker, was Mary Lois's older sister. She married LDS apostle Parley P. Pratt on April 28, 1847, becoming his tenth wife. Three years after the death of her first husband, in 1860, she married Joseph Ridges (1827–1914), the builder of the Tabernacle organ. They separated in 1866, around the time that Joseph Ridges married Ann Agatha's daughter by her first marriage, Agatha (Aggie) Pratt, as a plural wife. ["Reminiscences of Mrs. A. Agatha Pratt"]
- Walker, Annie (1868–1935). Born in St. George, Utah, to Abigail Middlemass and Charles Lowell Walker, married John Peter Atkin in 1889. [CWD, AF]
- Walker, Charles (1797–1871). Son of Elizabeth Gibson and James Walker, was Mary Lois's uncle. [Memoir 2]
- Walker, Charles Lowell (1832–1904). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, to Mary Godwin and William Gibson Walker, was Mary Lois's older brother. He migrated to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1849, working there and in Illinois until 1855, when he moved to Salt Lake City. In September 1861, he married Abigail Middlemass, and in 1862 the couple was called to the LDS church's Cotton Mission in St. George, where Charles remained until his death. Nicknamed "Dixie's Poet," he wrote a number of poems about life in St. George, as well as the song sung at the St. George Temple dedication. [CWD, vii–xviii; Memoir 386–405]
- Walker, Dorcas (1831–1843). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, to Mary Godwin and William Gibson Walker, was Mary Lois's older sister. She died on June 4, 1843, of typhoid fever. [Memoir 31–33].

- Walker, Eleanor (Nellie) (1870–1896). Born in St. George, Utah, to Abigail Middlemass and Charles Lowell Walker, married Joseph Thompson Atkin in 1890. [CWD]
- Walker, Elizabeth Gibson (About 1775–1845). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, was Mary Lois's paternal grandmother and the wife of James Walker. [Memoir 2; AF]
- Walker, Heleman (1883–1884). Born in St. George, Utah, to Abigail Middlemass and Mary Lois's brother Charles Lowell Walker, died on November 6, 1884. Charles Walker wrote that his son "drowned by slipping into a water tank." [CWD, 638; AF]
- Walker, Ida (1865–1897). Born in St. George, Utah, to Abigail Middlemass and Charles Lowell Walker, married Arthur Frederick Miles in 1888. [CWD; AF]
- Walker, James (1774–1859). Born in Congleton, Cheshire, England, was the paternal grandfather of Mary Lois Walker. He was the husband of Elizabeth Gibson. [AF; Memoir 1]
- Walker, Lowell (1886–1887). Born in St. George, Utah, on January 24, 1886, to Sarah Smith and Mary Lois's brother Charles Lowell Walker, was the second son and third child of Sarah and Charles Walker. He died on February 2, 1887. [CWD; AF]
- Walker, Mary (1878–1879). Born in St. George, Utah, was the first child of Sarah Smith and Charles Lowell Walker. She died on March 1, 1879. [CWD; AF]
- Walker, Mary Lois (1835–1919). See Morris, Mary Lois Walker.
- Walker, Peter (1813–1861). Son of Elizabeth Gibson and James Walker, was Mary Lois's uncle. [Memoir 3]
- Walker, Sarah Smith (1858–1932). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Sarah Price and Charles Smith, married Mary Lois's brother Charles Lowell Walker as his second wife in 1877. [AF; CWD]
- Walker, William Gibson (1797–1875). Born in Leek, Staffordshire, England, to Elizabeth Gibson and James Walker, was Mary Lois's father. He married Ann Godwin in 1824 and joined the LDS church between 1841 and 1843 in Manchester, England. He immigrated to St. Louis, Missouri, in 1850, where his wife died a year after their arrival. He later went on to Utah and then in 1853 was called on a mission to England. He met Mary Ann Morton in England, and the couple married upon his return to Salt Lake in 1858. Shortly afterward, Walker joined the Morrisite dissenters but soon broke with them and moved to Illinois. After the death of his wife Mary Ann in Illinois, he returned to Utah. He was rebaptized as a Mormon on March 11, 1875, but died that night before he could be confirmed. [Memoir 6–7, 15–74, 172–73; CWD, 923]
- Walker, Zaidee (1863–1951). Born in St. George, Utah, to Abigail Middlemass and Charles Lowell Walker, married Arthur Frederick Miles in 1900. [CWD; Memoir 190–91]
- Wallace, George Benjamin (1817–1900). Born in Epsom, New Hampshire, to Mary True and John Wallace, was a builder and contractor and president of the Salt Lake Stake from 1874 to 1876. From 1877 to 1900, he served as president of the High Priests' Quorum in the Salt Lake Stake. [AJ, 1:291–92; PPM, 1228; Memoir 84]
- Ward, Sarah Arthur (1821–1902). Born in Tredegar, England, to Mary Williams and William Arthur, married Thomas Bevan in 1843 or 1844 and Thomas Ward in 1848. [AF]

- Warne, Christopher C. (About 1825–1883). Died on March 12, 1883, at age fifty-eight of “heart disease.” [*Deseret Evening News*, March 13, 1883]
- Warwood (Worwood), Ellen Ann Taylor (1858–1902). Born in Provo, Utah, to Mary Bowring and William Joseph Taylor, married John Warwood (Worwood), a locomotive engineer, in 1874. [CS; AF]
- Waterfall, Alice (1879–1884). Born in Deptford, England, to Susannah Bacon and John Waterfall, immigrated to Salt Lake City with her family in 1883. [AF]
- Waterfall, Annie (1866–1952). Born in Deptford, England, to Susannah Bacon and John Waterfall, immigrated to Salt Lake City with her family in 1883. She married Edwin William Edward Kearsley in 1894. [AF; Memoir 194]
- Waterfall, Susannah Bacon (1839–1899). Born in Rotherhithe, England, to Mary Ann Clark and William David Bacon, married John Waterfall, an engineer at the Pioneer Flour Mill, in 1860. She immigrated to Utah in 1883 and became Mary Lois’s first counselor in the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward Primary Presidency. [AF; Memoir 198]
- Watson, Andrew (1832–1915). Born in Burnside, Scotland, to Janet Rumgay and James Watson, was a wool carder and gardener in Provo, Utah. A survivor of the 1856 handcart immigration, he served as a patriarch and a counselor in the bishopric of the Provo Fourth Ward. [AJ, 2:3–4; PPM, 1232]
- Watson, Margaret (Maggie) Jean (1865–1904). Born in Provo, Utah, to Jane Allen and Andrew Watson, married Alva Nymphas Murdock in 1887. [AF]
- Watson, Mary Jane (Jennie) Blood (1860–1951). Born in Provo, Utah, to Jane Allen and Andrew Watson, married John Harvey Allen on April 28, 1886. [AF]
- Wells, Daniel Hanmer (1814–1891). Born in Trenton, New York, to Catherine Chapin and Daniel Wells, was a prominent friend to the Mormons beginning in 1839 in Nauvoo, although he did not join the LDS church until 1846. He was the mayor of Salt Lake City from 1866 to 1876, the second counselor to Brigham Young from 1856 to 1877, and counselor to the Quorum of the Twelve from 1877 to 1891. He also established the Salt Lake City gas works and developed coal mines and lumber mills in Utah. [AJ, 1:62–66; PPM, 1238; EM, 1649]
- Wells, Emmeline Blanche Woodward (1828–1921). Born in Petersham, Massachusetts, to Deiadama Hare and David Woodward, married Daniel Hanmer Wells in 1852. She served as the editor of the *Woman’s Exponent*, as a member of the General Relief Society Board (1880–1921), and as the general president of the Relief Society (1910–1921). [AJ, 2:731–34]
- Wells, Junius Free (1854–1930). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Hannah Corilla Free and Daniel Hanmer Wells, formed the first Young Men’s Mutual Improvement Association (Y.M.M.I.A.) in the Salt Lake Thirteenth Ward in 1875. General superintendent of the Y.M.M.I.A. from 1876 to 1880, he also established the *Contributor* magazine for the youth of the LDS church and was its editor and publisher for thirteen years. [AJ, 1:714; EM, 1649]
- West, Caleb Walton (1844–1909). Thirteenth and fifteenth governor of the Utah Territory, was appointed to his first term by President Grover Cleveland in April 1886 and served until May 1889, when he was succeeded by Arthur L. Thomas. He served his second term from May 1893 to 1896. On July 16, 1886, shortly after Mary Lois mentioned his presence at the Brigham Young Academy graduation, Governor West issued a proclamation warning the Mormons against violating antipolygamy laws. [PPM, 1239; OPH, 5:100]

- White, William (1826–1905). Born in Fishguard, Wales, to Martha Griffiths and William White, was a butcher and a patriarch of the LDS church. [CS; AF]
- White, William (Willie) Llewellyn (1858–1917). Born in Haverfordwest, Wales, to Ann Thomas and William White, married Louisa Corilla Egbert in December 1885. [AF]
- Whitney, Elizabeth Ann Smith (1800–1882). Born in New Haven, Connecticut, to Polly Bradley and Gibson Smith, was the widow of Newell Kimball Whitney. She joined the church in 1830 and served as the second counselor to General President Emma Smith in the first Relief Society in Nauvoo. She was also second counselor to General President Eliza R. Snow from 1880 to 1882. [AJ, 3:563–64; EM, 1649]
- Whitney, Helen Mar Kimball (1828–1896). Born in Mendon, New York, to Vilate Murray and Heber Chase Kimball, was baptized in 1837 by Brigham Young. She married Joseph Smith in 1843 and Horace Kimball Whitney in 1846. She served as a counselor to Mary Isabella Hales Horne in the Relief Society beginning in 1882. [AF]
- Williams, Alma W. (1867–1916). Born in Hyrum, Utah, to Elizabeth Maria Allen and Thomas Williams, married Clara Elizabeth Anderson in 1893. [AF]
- Williams, Annie Ridges (1859–1942). See Ridges, Annie.
- Williams, David Joseph (1862–1935). Born in Spanish Fork, Utah, to Sarah Thomas and David Williams, worked for Elias Morris's business, Morris & Evans. [AJ, 2:536–37]
- Williams, Margaret Pettigreen Hope (1833–1897). Born in Bristol, England, to Martha Harris and Thomas Hope, married William Williams in 1853 and was a resident of Hyrum, Cache County, Utah. She was a dressmaker and milliner and a member of the ward choir with Mary Lois in Cedar City, Utah. [Memoir 100; PWFF, 3390]
- Williams, William Davies (1840–1883). Born in Llandovery, Wales, to Rachel Davies and William Williams, was the leader of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward choir in the 1860s. He died on January 15, 1883. [AF; Memoir 136]
- Wilson, Florence Witty (1877–1923). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jane Elizabeth Priday and John Ross Wilson, married Parley Ford in 1901. [AF]
- Wilson, Jane Elizabeth Priday (1846–1884). Born in Kensington, England, to Mary James and Samuel Priday, married John Ross Wilson, a carpenter, in 1874. A member of the Salt Lake Fifteenth Ward, she died on February 17, 1884. [AF]
- Wilson, Jennie May (1875–1881). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Jane Elizabeth Priday and John Ross Wilson. [AF]
- Winder, Elizabeth Parker (1837–1883). Born in Chaigley, England, to Alice and John Parker, married John Rex Winder in 1857. A member of the Mill Creek Ward, she was a counselor in the ward Primary Association. [PWFF, 3417]
- Winder, John Rex (1821–1910). Born in Biddenden, England, to Sophia Collins and Richard Winder, was captain of Mary Lois's fifty in the wagon train to Utah. He was called as second counselor in the LDS church's Presiding Bishopric in 1887 and as first counselor in the Presiding Bishopric from 1901 to 1910. [EM, 1650; Memoir 77]
- Winter, Thomas William (1812–1882). Born in Portsea, England, to Mary Collier and Timothy John Winter, was the bishop of the Salt Lake Fifth Ward from 1853 to 1860. [AJ, 1:606]
- Woodruff, Phoebe Whittemore Carter (1807–1885). Born in Scarborough,

- Maine, to Sarah Fabyan and Ezra Carter, married Wilford Woodruff in 1837 as his first wife. She joined the LDS church in 1807 and accompanied her husband on several missions. She was the first president of the Relief Society of the Salt Lake Fourteenth Ward. [PWFF, 3454]
- Woodruff, Wilford (1807–1898). Born in Farmington, Connecticut, to Beulah Thompson and Aphek Woodruff, was ordained an apostle of the LDS church in 1839 and served as the fourth president of the LDS church from 1889 to 1898. He joined the LDS church in 1833 and immigrated to Utah in 1847. He helped lay out Salt Lake City and was the church historian from 1881 to 1889. While president of the church, he issued the 1890 Manifesto ending the Mormon practice of polygamy. [PC, 101–35; AJ, 1:20–26; Alexander, *Things in Heaven and Earth*]
- Woodruff, Wilford, Jr. (1840–1921). Born in Montrose, Iowa, was the oldest son of Phoebe Whittemore Carter and President Wilford Woodruff and a farmer. He went on two colonizing missions, to Arizona from 1867 to 1871 and to Rich County, Utah, from 1871 to 1877. [AJ, 1:616–17]
- Woods, Evelyn (Eva) Pratt (1856–1917). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ann Agatha Walker and Parley P. Pratt, married Francis Charles Woods in November 1873. She was a resident of Malad, Idaho. [AF]
- Woolley, Edwin Dilworth (1807–1881). Born in West Bradford, Pennsylvania, to Rachel Dilworth and John Woolley, was an early member of the LDS church in Nauvoo and bishop of the Salt Lake Thirteenth Ward from 1853 until his death. He was one of the incorporators of the Deseret Telegraph Company and served several terms as recorder of Salt Lake County. [AJ, 1:358–59]
- Wright, Henry (1804–1849). Born in Lancastershire, England, to Martha Dunbabin and James Wright. According to Mary Lois's Memoir during her father's mission, she and her father visited Wright and his family in the town of Crew. [Memoir 35; AF]
- Wright, Ruth Nephewson (1800–1889). Born in Westmoreland, England, to Margaret Dunbobine and John Nephewson. According to Mary Lois's Memoir during her father's mission, she and her father visited the Wrights in the town of Crew. [Memoir 35; AF]
- Young, Brigham (1801–1877). Born in Whitingham, Vermont, to Abigail Nabby Howe and John Young. Called as an apostle of the LDS church in 1835, he was president of the LDS church from 1847 to 1877. [EM, 1650]
- Young, Brigham, Jr. (1836–1903). Born in Kirtland, Ohio, to Mary Ann Angell and Brigham Young, was an apostle of the LDS church from 1868 and president of the Quorum of the Twelve from 1901 to 1903. He was also one of the executors of his father's estate and was imprisoned briefly in 1879 for refusing to deliver certain church property to a receiver. [AJ, 1:121–26; BRSL, 133–36]
- Young, Clara Lucinda Jones (1846–1885). Born in Nauvoo, Illinois, to Rebecca Maria Burton and Nathaniel Vary Jones, married John Willard Young in 1865. She died in Salt Lake City on April 17, 1885. [AF]
- Young, Ernest Irving (1851–1879). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Lucy Ann Decker and Brigham Young, married Sybella White Johnson in 1871. He died on October 8, 1879, in Salt Lake City. [AF]
- Young, Feramorz Little (1858–1881). Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Lucy Ann Decker and Brigham Young, attended the U.S. Naval Academy and the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institution in New York. He went on an LDS mis-

- sion to Mexico in 1880 but grew sick there, and while on his return home, he died at sea on August 27, 1881. [AJ, 3:742]
- Young, Joseph (1797–1881). Born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, to Abigail Nabby Howe and John Young, was the brother of Brigham Young. He joined the LDS church in 1832 and was present at the Haun’s Mill Massacre. From 1835 to 1881, he served as a Seventy of the LDS church. [AJ, 1:187–88; BRSL, 141–42]
- Young, Joseph Watson (1828–1873). Born in Mendon, New York, to Persis Goodall and Lorenzo Dow Young, was the nephew of Brigham Young. He was the captain of Mary Lois’s pioneer company that crossed the plains. [AF; Memoir 77]
- Young, Lorenzo Dow (1807–1895). Born in Smyrna, New York, to Abigail Nabby Howe and John Young, was the brother of Brigham Young. He was the father of Joseph Watson Young, the captain of Mary Lois’s wagon train. [AF; Memoir 84]
- Young, Marcus Legrand (1840–1921). Born in Nauvoo, Illinois, to Jane Adeline Bicknell and Joseph Young, was a lawyer and member of the Utah bar. He graduated from the law department of the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor and was a judge in the Third District Court. [PPM, 1270]
- Young, Martha Bowker (1822–1890). Born in Burlington, New Jersey, to Hannah Atkins and Samuel Bowker, married Brigham Young in January 1846. [AF]
- Young, Phineas H. (1799–1879). Born in Hopkinton, Massachusetts, to Abigail Nabby Howe and John Young, was a brother of Brigham Young and was a printer, mail contractor, and saddler. He served as the bishop of the Salt Lake Second Ward from 1864 to 1871. [AJ, 4:511]
- Young, Royal Barney Sagers. (1851–1929). Born in Tooele, Utah, to Harriet Emeline Barney and William Henry Harrison Sagers, was adopted by Brigham Young after the latter married his mother in 1856. He was president of the Young Brothers Company, which sold sewing machines, organs, pianos, and other goods. [AF]
- Young, Seymour Bicknell (1837–1924). Born in Kirtland, Ohio, to Jane Adeline Bicknell and Joseph Young, was a physician and a veteran of the Union army. He graduated from the University Medical College of New York in 1874 and was Brigham Young’s physician at his death. He also served in the Black Hawk War and was a Seventy of the LDS church from 1882 to 1924. [AJ, 1:200–202; PPM, 1271]
- Young, Zina Diantha Huntington (1821–1901). Born in Watertown, New York, to Zina Baker and William Huntington, married Henry Bailey Jacobs in March 1841, Joseph Smith in October 1841, and Brigham Young in 1846. She served as first counselor in the LDS church’s General Relief Society Presidency from 1880 to 1888 and as third general president of the Relief Society from 1888 to 1901. [AJ, 1:697–99; EM, 1651]

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